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Axis Naval Chiefs Meet At Merano

Turco-Bulgarian Non-Aggression Pact

BUT GERMANS GO AHEAD WITH INVASION PLANS

Pontoon Bridges At Debrudja To Cross Danube

BERLIN, Feb. 17.

A non-aggression agreement has been concluded between Bulgaria and Turkey, according to a Sofia dispatch to the official German News Agency.

According to a Sofia message, an official declaration of Turco-Bulgarian friendship is expected to be published simultaneously in both countries to-night (Monday).

It is not anticipated that it will radically alter the present position.

In December last, the Bulgarian minister in Turkey, M. Jiroff, travelled to Sofia on a visit stated to be connected with a move towards Bulgarian-Turkish rapprochement.

It was stated then that he conveyed concrete Turkish proposals and was received by King Boris as well as the Foreign Minister M. Popoff.

YUGOSLAVIA NOT YET COMMITTED?

ANKARA, Feb. 17.

German military preparations beside Bulgaria include strengthening of rail, bridges and roads and laying down petrol dumps, according to reliable sources.

A German move into that country, however, is not regarded as imminent in Turkish circles.

Opinion is held here that the Germans are conducting a "war of nerves", and will continue it, until military preparations are completed.

Turkish opinion concerning the whole Balkan situation remains calm. It is pointed out here that there is no reason to believe that the Jugoslavs have committed themselves to collaborate in or facilitate German schemes in the Balkans.

The question pertinently asked is why should Jugoslavia facilitate a German attack on Greece, which would have for its object, the restoration of Italian power in the Adriatic.

NAZIS OUT TO INVADE BULGARIA

ISTANBUL, Feb. 17.

The situation in Rumania is very grave, and the population are lacking essentials which are plundered wholesale by the German troops who terrorise the Rumanians, state travellers arriving here from Rumania.

Rumanians are convinced that the Germans are preparing quickly to invade Bulgaria, and it is stated that fifty pontoon bridges have already been assembled at Debrudja for this purpose.

The Rumanians do not hide their fear of the consequences which would follow an extension of the war in the Balkans.

Sir Reginald Hoare, the British Minister in Bucharest who arrived here from Constanza, has not yet decided his plans, but he is expected to go to Ankara to see the Turkish leaders before proceeding to Egypt.

FOUR-POINT AGREEMENT

ROME, Feb. 17.

The Turkish and Bulgarian Governments to-day published a joint statement enumerating four points, on which they have reached an agreement, says a Sofia telegram to the Official Italian News Agency.

The statement says: "Turkish

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STOP PRESS

DANUBE BURSTS ITS BANKS

VICHY, Feb. 17

The Danube has burst its banks and thirty thousand people have been evacuated from their homes after the waters of the swollen river burst through the protective dykes thirty miles below Budapest, says a dispatch to the official French News Agency.—Reuter.

The Emperor of Abyssinia being received on the Abyssinian border. With him was his personal priest.

WILLKIE'S VISIT TO CHINA

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.

When Mr. Willkie was approached regarding his contemplated trip to survey conditions in sections in China not occupied by the Japanese, he said that no definite decision had yet been reached.—Reuter.

League Liberals And Govt.

TRIANGLE OF FORCES ON GANDHIJI'S STATEMENT

PROPOSED CONFERENCE OF LEADERS—A POOR PROSPECT

(From Our Correspondent).

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17.

Anxious comments are heard in the Assembly circles, on the implications of Gandhiji's statement which reached Delhi yesterday.

It is likely to shape to a large extent the forthcoming discussion of Sardar Sant Singh's motion for Round Table Conference of Leaders to end political deadlock.

The attitude of Mr. Aney's party is contained in a long resolution issued last night which contains three demands.

Responsible Government of Dominion Status type at the end of the war; secondly, as first step, inviting those willing to co-operate in war efforts to assume responsibility for administration of Central Government including Defence; and thirdly the announcement of Government's resolve to maintain political unity in India.

This move of the Hindu League is intended to counter the demands of the Muslim League which, it is reported, is anxious to take advantage of the present opportunity created by the Congress decision, put forward its own demands as price for co-operation with Government in war effort.

LEAGUE'S ATTITUDE

Mr. Jinnah reached Delhi only last night but talks in Muslim League circles show that they attach no importance to Sardar Sant Singh's resolution. The position taken up by the Muslim League is that as Congress has refused to co-operate in war efforts, they as the next largest party should be invited to take charge of the administration on terms which they have already submitted to the Viceroy. They are prepared, they say, for coalition ministries provided their position is assured as largest party.

According to Assembly talks, Government's part in the debate on Sardar Sant Singh's resolution is not likely to be more than academic. Argument firstly is that it is not within the province of Governor-General-in-Council to take the proposed step. Secondly, it is pleaded leaders themselves should take the initiative and try to resolve the deadlock. Thirdly, they point out that as the Congress has declined to co-oprate actively in war effort and Gandhiji has said "no settlement with Congress short of complete independence during the pendency of war" no purpose will be served by inviting ex-Congress Premiers to the proposed conference of leaders as they will merely say "go to Gandhiji"

This appears to be the official attitude at the moment.

TRIANGLE OF FORCES

A triangle of forces is now working. At one end are parties like Muslim League who are trying to exploit the situation for entrenching themselves on their terms in administration of the Centre and Provinces. At another end is the moderate group asking the Viceroy to clarify his August statement for enabling Indian non-party leaders to form Cabinet at the Centre and at the third is Government which refuses to have anything to do with Congress so long as their attitude is against war effort but at the same time, would prefer to wait and see and not walk into the parlour of the Muslim League or any other sectional group.

As good deal has been going on behind scenes, the coming meeting of the Muslim League has considerable political significance.

HURRICANE HAVOC IN PORTUGAL & SPAIN

Sixteen Ships Sunk In Tagus: Over Hundred Casualties: Heavy Damage In Madeira

LISBON, Feb. 17.

Sixteen ships have been sunk in the Tagus by an 80-mile an hour gale which caused waves twenty feet high.

It is estimated that 78 people were killed in a hurricane that swept Portugal at week-end. Twenty deaths occurred in Lisbon.

In the river Tagus the British Empire class flying boat "Clyde" broke away from her moorings and sank while 16 ships of various sizes were sunk.

Few streets in Lisbon escaped damage and police and firemen remained on special duty for more than 24 hours. Trees and lamp standards were uprooted, telephone and telegraph wires were broken down, tiles and bits of masonry were sent whistling through the air and factory chimney stacks collapsed like packs of cards. Gasworks were seriously damaged and the use of gas is forbidden until further notice.

Broadcast stations are closed down owing to damage to transmitting masts.

Lisbon is cut off from Madrid and from the Portuguese Provinces, but reports drifting in tell the same story of havoc everywhere. Many train services are paralysed.

Train Blown Off

In Spain, a train was blown off, a bridge between San Sebastian and Bilbao, three carriages falling into the river.

Rescue parties are still searching but at least 20 people are killed and a hundred injured.

Road, rail and telephone communication between San Sebastian and Irun has been interrupted and buildings blown down the roofs and ripped off in Algeciras and Cordoba.

Heavy Loss At Madeira

Madeira was also struck by the hurricane which swept Portugal during the week-end. The damage at Madeira is estimated at about 80,000 contos, which is equal to about £800,000.

In Portugal, strenuous attempts are being made to restore communications and a section of the 1939 class of army telegraphists has been called to colours to repair the damage to telephone and telegraph wires throughout the country.—Reuter.

End Of Quisling Raj Near?

Reported Nazi Ultimatum And Protests In Norway

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 17.

An indication that the days of the Quisling regime in Norway are numbered is given in impressions gained by an observer just returned from that country, says the "Dagens Nyheter."

A rumour that the Germans have given Maj. Quisling a time limit, expiring next month, in which to secure adequate membership appears, according to this source, to be well founded and opposition has latterly been accentuated. This has been particularly noticeable since a protest made recently by Norwegian Bishops, which though prohibited, has been widely circulated.—Reuter.

LEASE AND LEND BILL

Hopkins At White House Conference

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.

Mr. Harry Hopkins, recently President Roosevelt's special envoy to Great Britain was present at a White House conference today on the subject of the Lease and Lend Bill.

Also present were the War Secretary, Mr. Stimson, the Treasury Secretary, Mr. Morgenthau, the Navy Secretary, Col. Knox, and the Agriculture Secretary, Mr. Wickard, and also the Director of the Budget.

Mr. Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's Secretary described the conference as one of a series which will continue to make advance arrangements for the Bill. When the Bill passes, he added, many administrative requirements will be set and ready.

Last night Mr. Hopkins had a conversation with President Roosevelt which lasted till 2 a.m. in the morning.—Reuter.

Lull In War Of Nerves In Far East

TOKIO REPEATS SLOGAN OF PEACEFUL SOLUTION

Japanese Relations With Soviet Raised In Diet

TOKIO, Feb. 17.

A question of the Japanese relations with the Soviet was raised in the Diet to-day.

One member urged the Government to make a demarche to the Soviet Government about the activities of the Comintern.

In reply, Mr. Matsuoka pointed out that the Comintern was not identical with the Soviet Government, but he promised to take steps if the Comintern caused trouble.

PACIFIC POLICY IN PACIFIC?

TOKYO, Feb. 17.

Japan's policy was defined as seeking a solution of "the life and death problem of her interests in the South Seas through peaceful negotiatiosns" by Mr. Ohashi, Vice-Foreign Minister, addressing the Diet Lower House Committee to-day (Monday).

Any attempt to achieve her aims through armed force would mean destruction "with unfavourable effects upon Japan."

But should an attempt be made "to squeeze" Japan by circulating false reports, Japan must resist such a project. Grave consequences would then be unavoidable, this warning being with reference to persistent rumours of a crisis in the Pacific.

New Japanese Ambassador To Germany

LONDON, Feb. 17.

The new Japanese ambassador to Germany Mr. Oshima arrived in Berlin to-day to take up his duties.

WAR PRECAUTIONS IN AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY, Feb. 17.

Mr. Fadden, the acting Prime Minister, announced to-day that a conference would be held in the immediate future to discuss the war in general and in particular air raid precautions.—Reuter.

DUTCH INDIES WILL NOT STAND IT

LONDON, Feb. 17.

Public reaction in the Dutch Indies to the alarming rumours of the last two days has been an attitude of calm determination, states the Batavia Radio.

"There can be no doubt whatever as to the attitude of the Dutch Indies Government," said the announcer, "they will do all in their power to maintain peace in the Pacific, but should honour or interest demand it, they would not hesitate to defend both."

Trade negotiations he said, with Japan were being reopened, and a meeting had been arranged for to-day between the Japanese Consul-General in Batavia, and a member of the Japanese Trade Delegation and M. Van Hood-Straeten who is conducting the negotiations on behalf of the Dutch-Idies. Any reasonable request by Japan would be acceded to, added the announcer, but unreasonable demands would be met with a firm refusal.—Reuter.

DUTCH INDIES SEE THROUGH NAZI PROPAGANDA

LONDON, Feb. 17.

The Netherlands East Indies will not be misled by German propaganda against the British blockade of German occupied countries.

The Batavian Radio to-day spoke in favour of this blockade, the announcer stating that "it is

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Naval War Plans At Merano

BERLIN, Feb. 11.

It is announced here to-day (Monday) that Admiral Reader, Commander-in-Chief of the German navy, and Admiral Riccardi, Secretary of State for the Italian Navy, had conferred at Merano Italy, on Thursday and Friday last week.

The Official German News Agency says: There was a "thorough exchange of views on the conduct of war against England which was carried on in a spirit of Comradeship resulted in complete unanimity."—Reuter.

BOSE WARRANT SEQUEL

Banks Asked To Stop Operation Of Accounts In Name Of Subhas

CALCUTTA, Feb. 17

Notices issued by the Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate of Calcutta, were served today on a number of banks in the city directing them to stop operation of any account standing in the name of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose.

Proclamation for the arrest of Mr. Bose has already been issued under orders of the same magistrate before whom Mr. Bose stands charged under certain Sections of the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

QUESTION TO PUBLIC PROSECUTORS

(From Our Correspondent)

NAGPUR, Feb. 17

It is reliably understood that the Provincial Government has issued a circular to all Public Prosecutors appointed by the Congress Ministry asking whether they have signed the Satyagraha Pledge and whether they are prepared to represent the Crown in political cases.

Some Public Prosecutors are reported to have expressed willingness for representing the Crown in political cases, except those of Satyagrahis.

They have also pointed out that this emergency would not arise as Satyagrahis openly break the law and never go to appeal.

It will be recalled that the Government dispensed with the services of Public Prosecutors of Bilaspur, Drug, Mandla and Raipur for participating in Congress activities. I understand that the services of more Public Prosecutors will be dispensed with shortly.

THREE SATYAGRAHIS BROUGHT BACK

Three Satyagrahis of Nagpur, who entered Bijagarh State 'en route' to Delhi were arrested and brought back to Balaghat, British district.

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THE INDORE MALWA UNITED MILLS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ADJOURNED 33RD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Indore Malwa United Mills, Limited will be held at the Mill premises at Indore, on the 21st day of February, 1941, at 3 p.m. to transact the following business:—

(1) To consider and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Account for the year 31-12-1939, and if necessary to adjourn the said consideration till such date as the meeting may fix.
(2) To extend the time for the Investigation Committee to complete the investigation and make their final report till the 10th of March, 1941.
(3) Such other matter as may be placed before the Meeting with the permission of the Chairman.

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H.M.I. Dockyard, Bombay.

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Public Notices

CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY

NOTICE

THE SENATE will proceed in the month of August, 1941, to the election of a Tagore Professor of Law for a term of one year, to commence on the 1st August, 1942.

The salary of the Professorship is Rs. 9,000 per annum and the Professor will be expected to deliver a course of *not less than twelve lectures* on one of the following subjects:—

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The Professor will, not later than the month of August following his election forward to the Registrar a complete copy (manuscript or type-written) of the lectures which he proposes to deliver. The copy will be forthwith referred by the Faculty of Law to a Committee of not more than three persons to be selected for their special competence in this behalf, who will examine the same, and, before the expiry of two months from the date of the submission of the copy by the Professor to the Registrar, report to the Faculty whether the work is complete and ready for the Press. If upon such report, the Faculty are satisfied that the work is complete, the Professor will commence to deliver his lectures within three months from the date of the resolution of the Faculty and shall complete the delivery thereof in another three months. The copy of the lectures delivered will remain in the custody of the Registrar and shall be sent to the Press, as soon as practicable, after delivery thereof.

If the Professor fails to submit the copy of the lectures or if the copy submitted be found, on examination, to be incomplete and not ready for the Press, the matter, will be referred to the Faculty of Law, upon whose recommendation the Senate may either extend the time or cancel the appointment.

J. CHAKRAVORTI,
Registrar.

Senate House,
The 28th January, 1941.

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NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a SHARE CERTIFICATE in respect of 100 Shares numbered 41476 to 41575 (both inclusive) of the abovenamed Company standing in the name of the deceased Balkrishna Bhagwandas Joshi, has been LOST or MISLAID, and Mr. Harilal Motilal Joshi, the Executor of the Will of the said Deceased has applied to the Company to issue duplicate Share Certificate for the said shares. Any person having any claim on the said shares should notify to and lodge such claim with the Company at its above address within one month from this date, after which no claim will be considered and the Company will proceed to issue duplicate Share Certificate to the said Executor.

Bombay, dated this 17th day of February, 1941.

Attorneys for Mr. Harilal Motilal Joshi, the Executor of the Will of the Deceased Shareholder Balkrishna Bhagwandas Joshi.

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Public Notices

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The Collector is not bound to accept the highest or any offer.

G. W. McELHINNY,
Collector of Bombay.

Collector's Office,
Bombay.
18th February, 1941.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DEED OF CONVEYANCE, bearing date the 6th day of July, 1920, made between Rev. Dr. Braz D'Monte and others the President and Members of the Board of the Confraternity of St. Francis Assisi attached to the Cathedral of our Lady of Hope (Bhuleshwar) of the one part and our client Seth Goculdas Doongersey of the other part relating to the property situate at Cavel Lane, bearing New Survey No. 215 and Cadastral Survey No. 1762 of Bhuleshwar Division and more particularly described in the schedule hereunder written is either misplaced or lost after the same was produced to the Bombay Municipality in the year 1927. All persons are therefore warned not to deal with the said Deed of Conveyance or with any person or persons having possession thereof in any manner whatsoever and are requested to hand over the said Deed of Conveyance to the undersigned, at their office at 77, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay.

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Dated this 17th day of February, 1941.

SHASTRI & CO.,
Attorneys for
Seth Goculdas Doongersey.

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THE NATIONAL MUTUAL LIFE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALASIA LTD.

THE ASSOCIATION HEREBY GIVES NOTICE to all whom it may concern, that it has been notified of the loss of Policy No. 346178 issued by the Association on the life of Dr. Bhasker Rambhai Patel and that at the end of one calendar month from this date a Duplicate Policy will be issued in place of the lost Policy unless within the said period of one calendar month objection against the issue of such Duplicate Policy is lodged with the Association at this Office at 15 & 15A, Elphinstone Circle, Bombay.

HUGH POLLETT,
Resident Secretary.
Bombay, 18th February, 1941.

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THE KOHINOOR MILLS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of THE KOHINOOR MILLS COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on THURSDAY, the 6th March, 1941, at 4-30 p.m. (Standard Time), at the Registered Office of the Company, Home Street, Fort, Bombay, to transact the following business:—

1. To adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Statement of Accounts made up to 31st December, 1940.
2. To declare a dividend.
3. To elect Directors in the place of Mr. H. A. H. Payne and The Hon'ble Mr. Shantidas Askuran, who retire by rotation but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.
4. To elect as a Director Mr. R. C. Lowndes whose term of Office expires under Article 98 of the Company's Articles of Association, but, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.
5. To appoint an Auditor or Auditors for the current year and to fix his or their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 21st February to 6th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
KILLICK, NIXON CO.,
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Bombay, 10th February, 1941.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PREMJI DAMODAR, the transferee of Mortgage has agreed to sell the undermentioned property of the Mortgagor Mr. Chimanlal T. Jani to our clients at the Public Auction of the sale of the said property.

All persons having any claims against the said property by way of mortgage, sale, inheritance, gift, lease, lien, deposit, charge, use, trust or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 46, Churchgate Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without regard to any such claims and the same, if any, will be considered to have been waived.

ALL that piece or Parcel of leasehold land or ground, admeasuring 1066 square yards or thereabouts but according to Cadastral Survey Register 998 square yards situate on and being Plot No. 228 of the Dadar Matunga Estate of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay together with the hereditaments messuages tenements building and premises standing thereon situate lying and being on Sir Bhalchandra Road on Matunga in the City and Island and Sub-Registration District of Bombay and bounded, on the North by Plot No. 247 of the said Estate agreed to be leased to Mr. A N. Nerurkar and others, on the North-East partly by Plots Nos. 225 to 227 of the said estate and partly by Sir Bhalchandra Road, on the South-West by a Road 40 feet in width and on the North-West by a road 40 feet in width and forms portion of New Survey No. 902 (part) and bears Cadastral Survey No. 194/10 of Matunga Division and is assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under F. Ward No. 7059 and Street No. 626.

Dated this 15th day of February, 1941.

Messrs. KANTILAL & CO.
Purchasers' Attorneys.

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Legal Notices

HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY

INSOLVENCY NO. 41 OF 1941

Re: NAROTTAMDAS MATHURADAS, residing at French Bridge, Chowpatty, Bombay: .. a Debtor.

Ex parte: JIVANCHAND R. MOTISHAW .. Petitioning Creditor.

On the 14th day of February, 1941, an order was made by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in its Insolvency Jurisdiction adjudging the abovenamed Debtor an Insolvent.

Dated this 17th day of February, 1941.

S. S. RANGNEKAR,
Insolvency Registrar.

(4374)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY & INTESTATE JURISDICTION

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and Credits of DAMODER JADAVJI (JADAVAJEE) also called DAMODHER JADAVJI also called DAMODAR JADOWJEE (JADOWJI) also called DAMODAR JADAVJI also called DAMODAR JADAVJI BHATIA, late of Bombay retired Hindu inhabitant, a widower, who resided at Old Hanuman Lane in Bombay at the time of his death. ..... Deceased.

GOCULDAS KESHAVJI, of Sholapur retired Hindu at present temporarily residing at 20-24 Old Hanuman Lane in Bombay-Sholapur Mill compound, Sholapur being his postal address. : Petitioner.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of the Letters of Administration.

Witness Sir JOHN WILLIAM FISHER BEAUMONT, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, this 11th day of February, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and forty-one and in the fifth year of our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

S. J. RAHIMTOOLA,
Prothonotary and Senior Master.

K. K. DASTUR.

The 11th day of February, 1941.
Messrs. PAYNE & CO.,
Petitioner's Attorneys.

(4370)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY & INTESTATE JURISDICTION

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Probate of the Last Will of AMERCHAND JAVERCHAND, late of Bombay Jain Hindu inhabitant, a Merchant and a widower, residing at the time of his death at Pine Villa, Cyrus Avenue, Club Road, Byculla, outside the Fort of Bombay. ..... Deceased.

KHIMCHAND AMERCHAND, of Bombay Jain Hindu Inhabitant Share, Stock and Bullion Broker, residing at Pine Villa, Cyrus Avenue, Club Road, Byculla, outside the Fort of Bombay ..Petitioner.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Probate.

Witness Sir JOHN WILLIAM FISHER BEAUMONT, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, this 12th day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-one and in the Fifth year of our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

(Sd.) S. J. RAHIMTOOLA,
Prothonotary & Senior Master.

(Sd.) K. K. DASTUR.

The 12th day of February, 1941.
Messrs. MOHILE PAREKH & MANECKLAL,
Petitioner's Attorneys.

(4372)

Auction Sales

MENESSE & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLEARED CARGOES OF THE BOMBAY PORT TRUST DOCKS.

In accordance with Section 94 of the Bombay Port Trust Acts of 1879 and as from time to time amended under instructions from the Manager, Bombay Port Trust Docks, Messrs. MENESSE & CO., will sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY, the 18th February, 1941, at 2 p.m. at Alexandra Docks (sale Warehouse) the following goods:

41 Packages C. P. Goods: 39 c/s Pine Apples: 16 Drums washing soda: 20 B/s cassia: 30 B/s grass Guards: Goat skin: Finished leather: Antimony ware: saddle harness: 50 cases milk: Gasoline: films: Biscuits: chocolate: 4 cases Sola Hats: horse boxes: Medicine: scientific Glassware: Machinery: 15 cases Beer.

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TUESDAY, FEB. 18.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Banjo and Flute. 8-5 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Iqbal Bibi. 8-40 News in Hindustani. 8-50 News in English. 9 Vilayat Husain. 9-10 Violin Quintet. 9-20 Lalita Venkatram. 9-40 G. N. Joshi. 12-30 p.m. Sindhi Kafis. 12-45 Marathi Pad. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Gujarati geets. 1-10 Ghazals. 1-20 Mutual Understanding. 1-30 News in English 1-35 Lunch Hour music. 4-15 School broadcast. 5 Tomorrow. 5-5 Master Hamid. 5-15 Gopalrao. 5-25 News in Marathi 5-30 News in Gujarati. 5-35 Lalita Venkatram. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 G. N. Joshi. 6-30 Children's Hour (Gujarati). 7 Marathas During the last War: Talk in Marathi. 7-15 Orchestral Selections. 7-25 Talk of the town. 7-30 Iqbal Bibi. 7-45 Marathi Bhavgeet. 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Topic of the day. 8-30 Our Slums, 3: Talk. 8-45 Sound-News (Hindustani). 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C news relay. 10 Chamber music.

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Juthika Roy. 8-15 Flute Recital with Tambora and Tabla. 8-25 to 8-40 As in Bombay 1. 8-40 Vilayat Husain. 9 to 10 As in Bombay 1.

31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

12-30 to 12-57 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 12-57 Sabita Devi. 1 to 1-30 As in Bombay 1. 1-30 Musical interlude. 1-30 to 2-25 As in Bombay 1.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

4-15 to 5-25 As in Bombay 1. 5-25 Kishore and Prabhakar: Violin duets. 5-35 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 Sindhi song by Iqbal Bibi. 6-10 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 to 7-55 As in Bombay 1. 7-55 Vilayat Husain. 8-25 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Mumtaz Husain: Tabla and Sarangi and Violin. 9-20 Listeners' letters. 9-35 Iqbal Bibi: Thumri and Ghazal. 9-50 Violin Quintet. 10 Lalita Venkatram. 10-10 G. N. Joshi. 10-25 Vilayat Husain.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

8 p.m. Multani on Sarod. 8-20 Ghulam Fareed. 8-30 Aparna Roy. 8-45 B. R. Deodhar. 8-15 Radha Bai. 8-30 Rama Charitra. 4: Talk in Hindustani. 8-45 For Villagers only. 7-45 March of Time: Talk. 8 B. R. Deodhar. 8-20 It has happened or Bhajan Lal: Geet. 8-25 Delhi Radio Orchestra. 8-35 Planning the Indian Poultry Industry: Talk. 8-45 Radha Bai. 9-45 Ghulam Fareed. 10 S. Chowdhury and Party. 10-5 Behag on Sarangi. 10-15 Abdul Ghani. 10-25 B. R. Deodhar.

Calcutta I—Programme

(Add 24 minutes to all timings for Calcutta time).

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

5 p.m. For the Children. 5-50 For the children. 6-5 Bhagbat Ch. Banerjee. 6-20 Birds, beasts and Flowers: Variety programme. 7-20 Dhirendra Ch. Mittra. 7-30 Shaila Devi. 7-40 Kshirode Ganguli: Cello recital. 7-45 Census 1941. 8 Dhirendra Ch. Mittra. 8-20 Shaila Devi, 9 Kartick Ch. Das. 10 Gopi Nath Bhattacharya: Esraj. 10-15 Bijan Ghose Dastidar.

Hyderabad Programme

411 metres (730 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-45 p.m. For children (1) "His Profession" (Series No. 3) "Teacher", by Mr. Ahmadullah, (2) "Mock fighting". 7-45 Near East (Series No. 3) Iraq, by Mr. S. M. Hadi.

B. B. C. Programme

(W.L.—4 a.m. to 10-5 31.55m.; 6-30 to 10-5 31.32m.; 6 p.m. to 8-15 25.53m.; 7-30 to 9-45 31.55m.)

16-25 Programme. 16-30 News. 16-45 Britain speaks, by J. B. Priestly. 17-00 Broadway Calling. 17-30 B B C Orch. (To-day We Present). 17-45 Geraldo Dance Orch. 18-30 News. 18-45 Questions of Hour. 19-15 C. Kunz, Pjano. 19-25 Programme. 19-30 Scots Abroad. 19-45 Programme. 20-00 Orch.—Raymonde. 20-30 "Religion under Fire" by Dean St. Pauls. 20-45 Music of Britain. 21-00 See Monday 01.15. 21-30 News. 21-45 Questions of Hour.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE

G. I. P. Railway.

	Arr. H.M.	Dep H.M.
Madras Mail	6-0	22-0
Peshawar Express	6-15	22-45
Calcutta Mail via Nagpur	8 55	18-10
Calcutta Mail via Chhoeki	9-30	20-15
Madras Express	10-15	14-30
Poona Mail	10-30	17-30
Punjab Mail	12-30	17-40
Nagpur Express	15-00	21-00
Poona Express	19-30	08-00
Allahabad Express	20-25	07-00
Poona Fast Passenger	21-45	13-10

B. B. and C. I. Railway.

(Arrivals at and Departures from Bombay Central.)

	Arr. H.M.	Dep H.M.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5-35	13-05
Delhi Express	6-00	22-15
Gujarat Mail	6-45	22-00
Kathiawar Mail	7-25	21-30
Frontier Mail	8-15	21-15
	(Mon.)	(Sat.)
The Flying Ranee. Buisar	*9 15	15-35
The Flying Ranee. Surat	*9 48	15-10
The Flying Ranee. Surat) (Except Monday)	10-58	00-00
The Flying Ranee. Surat (Except Saturday)	00-00	18-05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14-15	22-30
Kathiawar Express	19-05	8 45
Baroda Passenger	20-48	9-00

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday these trains will run on Tuesday

RESIDENT'S TERMS TO DAUR JIRGA

BANNU, Feb. 16.

A representative Daur Jirga interviewed the Resident in Waziristan, when the latter announced to them that the Hamzani and Daur tribes had indulged in anti-Government activities and their conduct had proved hostile to wards the people residing in north Waziristan.

As a guarantee of their future good behaviour, they must within five days surrender 50 hostages and deposit with the Government fifty 303 magzaine rifles of military pattern and 5,000 rounds of ammunition. The Jirga's request for the extension of time was rejected.

March Liquidation On N. Y. Cotton Exchange

BOMBAY OPERATORS TRANSFER MAY TO DECEMBER

Cessation Of Subsidy On Cotton Goods Exports To Canada

BOMBAY, Feb. 17.

The United State's Government has ceased to give subsidy on cotton goods exports to Canada owing to imposition of countervailing duties and also to Cuba where it is no longer necessary but subsidies are to continue elsewhere in 1941.

The season's subsidised exports so far are equivalent to 320,000 bales.

The total loan cotton stock now stands 2,984,000 bales showing an increase of 31,000 bales.

The New York cotton market was influenced unfavourably during the last week despite bullish rumours of important changes in the Farm programme on international uneasiness and Wall-St. unsettlement. There was increased hedging partly against repossessions of loan cotton and commission house and Bombay long liquidation.

New crop preparations are drawing attention to private indications of a slight decrease with labour shortage owing to the Defence programme.

Cotton goods have been quiet but firm, with buyers abstaining after filling first quarter requirements. Pending international clarification, traders expect irregularly lower prices, but in the long run July option will have to improve considerably to attract loan cotton.

The report of the Census Bureau on domestic consumption by American bulls of all cotton during January 1941 gives the figure of 8,43,000 bales, as compared to 7,30,000 bales in January 1940.

A cable from Washington states that the Washington Administration has ceased to give subsidy on cotton goods exports to Canada as a result of imposition of countervailing import duty. The subsidy on exports to Cuba is also stopped

The New York cotton market ignores textile activity despite all-time record consumption of 8,43,000 bales.

The Liverpool Cotton Association President announced that after six weeks of negotiations the Government had decided to become the sole importer of all growths of cotton. The Directors opine that this may foreshow the ultimate closure of the Futures market. In the meanwhile trading in various months is permitted only at closing difference relative to March on the 14th inst. Futures traders are likely to resist the closure proposals since they do not expect any compensation.

Britain's import monopoly is construed bearish for the United exports of American cotton. Brazil is hedging in the New York market.

NEW YORK MARKET

On Saturday the New York cotton market was lower with Bombay interests transferring May to December. The market opened steady. There was March liquidation and spot house and Southern selling against spots equities which hithertofore were not hedged. There was trade and mill buying at lower limits.

At the opening March was quoted one pt. higher at 10.31 which was the highest level. There was increased selling and March declined to 10.24 which was the lowest level. The market closed at a net decline of 5 to 7 points. Spot cotton prices closed 8 pts down at 10.69c per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was also easy on increased selling and closed at a decline of 4 to 7 points. Spot cotton prices were reduced 5 points at 9.98c per lb.

BOMBAY BUSINESS

The Cotton Trade Journal writes:—"Some of the weakness was attributed to renewed Bombay selling. While Bombay trading is always apparent in our market, it has increased in importance since difficulties in the Liverpool and Bombay markets caused Indian traders to show a preference for the one great free market left. Some of the trading is for speculative account, and some for what might be described as "straddling hedges" or even real bedging. In practice, however, since delivery is doubtful it not impossible, this kind of bedging works as a purely short position as far as our market is concerned. On the other hand the supposed considerable long position on this side is mainly represented by the carrying of unhedged actual cotton, since the prop represented by the Government loan reduces the risk to a minimum."

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest 10.25+01 (10 a.m.); Lowest 10.18—06 (12 noon).

BURMA CORPORATION LTD.

The Board of Directors have declared on account of the year ending 30th June 1941 a dividend of 3 annas per share payable 29th March to shareholders registered on the 17th February 1941, free of income-tax.

The Share Registers will be closed from the 17th Feb. 1941 to the 26th Feb. 1941, both dates inclusive.

Dividend Warrants will be posted in Rangoon and London on the 28th March.

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

litical situation but think low enough and New York.—Recent selling on foreign pobelieve July considerably higher later.

Broach A/M below Liverpool May 407 penny points at 1/6

DEVKARAN NANJEE BANKING CO., LTD.

Noteworthy Progress In 1940: Hope Of Expanding Business

The Audited Statement of Accounts and Directors' Report of the Devkaran Nanjee Banking Co., Ltd., for the year ended 31st December 1940, give an encouraging review of the Bank's progress and increasing confidence of its constituents. The following table will show the progress of the Bank during the last two and a half years:—

	Deposits.	Accounts
August 1938	2,26,048	102
December 1938	5,18,550	166
December 1939	16,25,661	983
December 1940	20,60,250	1850

The Kalbadevi Branch of the Bank was opened on the 11th of March 1940, a very prominent place near the junction of Kalbadevi Road and Marwadi Bazar and just opposite the Cotton Exchange having been found for it. In the short period that this Branch has functioned, it has made satisfactory progress. The Bank's activity in its three other offices has also shown marked activity.

The Directors intend to open a Branch of the Bank at Mandvi, Bombay. The necessary staff has been selected and, as soon as a suitable place is available, it is hoped to open it.

SILVER BARS

The Bank's Small Silver Bars business has done very well and the sales during the year have been large. The Bank's 250-tola Bar was put on the market during the year and the Directors are grateful to the authorities of H. M.'s Mint, Bombay, for making the necessary arrangements for manufacturing it in spite of the pressure of work due to the War. The Bank has thus now on the market Silver Bars in denominations of 10, 20, 50, 100 and 250 tolas.

The Directors are glad that the Budias in Silver and Shares made month by month with a view to earning favourable interest yielded a fair profit to the Bank earlier in the year. Later, however, the spot prices of Silver ruled higher than the forward prices and the situation on the Stock Exchange was also not favourable enough, and therefore, it was not possible to continue them in the second half of the year.

INVESTMENTS

The Bank's investment in Government Securities is now mostly in scrips of short-dated maturity as will be seen from the Balance Sheet. A small amount has also been invested in selected Shares. The Bank's advances have increased though not to the same extent as we would have wished. This is due partly to the fact that clients who had been allowed overdraft and cash credit facilities were unable to use them to their full limits owing to the abnormal circumstances that prevailed about the middle of the year, and partly to the continued easiness in the money market. These were to a certain extent also responsible for the large balances of the Bank in Cash and with the Bankers, and at times it became a problem as to how to utilise the funds profitably consistent with the Bank's conservative policy.

Mr. Wm. D. TenBroeck ceased to be the Manager of the Bank as from the 24th Aug. 1940 with mutual consent and goodwill. The Directors are grateful to him for all he did for the Bank since its inception.

Out of Rs. 12,195/4/6 in the Profit and Loss Account, to allocate to the Bank's premises account (as depreciation) Rs. 5,000; to place to the Deferred Revenue Expenditure account Rs. 3,000; to place to the goodwill (which includes Small Silver Bars Business) account Rs. 2,500 and to carry forward Rs. 1,695/4/6. Total Rs. 12,195/4/6.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

12 Per Cent Dividend

The half-yearly report ending December, 1940 of the Imperial Bank of India is as under:—

The Reserve Bank Rate and the Imperial Bank Advance Rate remained unchanged at 3 per cent and 3 1/2 per cent respectively throughout the half-year.

Trade demand for bank finance declined more or less steadily until the end of November—a not unusual feature of the December half-year. The seasonal activity usually noticeable towards the end of the year has, however, so far failed to materialise in any appreciable measure. In particular, demand for jute finance has been singularly poor.

Commodity prices have fluctuated. Cotton, tea, wheat and Burma paddy and rice prices all closed higher on the half-year. Jute, sugar and groundnuts closed weaker.

An outstanding feature of the half-year has been the firmness displayed in the Government Securities markets. Government of India 3 1/2 per cent Rupee Paper which was quoted at the end of June at about Rs. 86 improved progressively to close, at the end of December, at around Rs. 94 as compared with Rs. 88 at the end of December 1939. The Central Government came on the market in August with a second issue at par of 3 per cent Defence Bonds repayable at 101 per cent in 1946, which has been well received and for which subscriptions continue to flow in steadily. In September, four of the Provincial Governments successfully floated 3 per cent Loans repayable in 1952, at issue prices ranging between Rs. 94 per cent and Rs. 95 per cent.

The average yield on Government of India Treasury Bills during the half-year was Rs. 0-13-6 per cent per annum as compared with Rs. 1-14-8 per cent per annum during the corresponding half of 1939.

In common with all commercial institutions, the Bank has to face a steadily increasing taxation burden, which burden looms largely in the usual and necessary provosions which we must make before our profits are declared. After making these usual and necessary provisions, the net profit of the Bank for the half-year amounted to Rs. 33,33,836-10-7 which, with Rs. 39,62,566-9-8 brought forward from the half-year ended the 30th June 1940, makes a total of Rs. 72,96,403-4-3.

This sum the Directors of the Bank have disposed of as follows:—

	Rs. a. p.
1. In payment of a Dividend to the Shareholders at the rate of 12 per cent per annum free of Income-tax	33,75,000 0 0
2. Transferred to Pension Funds	60,800 0 0
3. Carried forward to the Profit and Loss Account of the current half-year	38,60,603 4 3
Total	72,96,403 4 3

HAPUR WHEAT MARKET

Hapur, Feb. 15.

During the week under review, the local wheat market remained very unsteady. There were heavy speculative unloadings and confidence was utterly lacking. There was an handsome loss in the quotations of both ready wheat and new wheat contracts. The weakness in the ready section was brought about by easier ports advises, dormant demand and very heavy Punjab offerings. Karachi reports that exports have been almost in suspense, that a heavy cargo is awaiting shipment to Red Sea ports, that freight to Persian gulf have been increased to the extent of 25 per cent and that millers faced with very dull demand are inclined to wait damped the enthusiasm all over the up-country markets. There is a growing feeling also that supplies may be sufficient to meet the normal demand for the rest of the season. The off take in the up-country markets is quite small.

The new wheat contracts suffered under the weight of heavy speculative sales. The previous two week's feature of speculators selling ready and buying May was absent. With very favourable weather in the Punjab and the U. P., and normal sowing is the only thing that could keep, the spirits high was speculative support and as soon as that was lacking prices gave way.

On Saturday last Maha had closed at 3/3 and Jeth at 3/0/6. Highest on that day had touched 3/0/11 which was also the highest for the week. Since then it steadily fell to 3/0/1 on Wednesday. On that day there was a sharp reaction and Jeth dropped to 2/14/10 1/2 by Thursday evening. Lowest was touched yesterday at 2/14/6. Presently it is quoted at 2/14/9. Maha delivery was settled at 3/3. Ready wheat prices have fallen down to 3/1/6.

The off take during the week was only moderate and in all about 17 khattis have been exported. The Calcutta demand was dormant. Present stock is put at about 285 khattis. Weather was mostly dry. Slight showers were received this morning. Crop is progressing fairly but more rains may be needed shortly.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay: Feb. 17.

A decidedly easier feeling was noted on the market to-day with a larger amount of offerings. Tata Deferreds opened somewhat lower at 1890 and gradually receded to 1875 but closed a little better at 1877,3. Tata Ordinaries opened easier at 374 and declined to 371/8 Among textiles Bombay Dyeings declined from 1075 to 1060, but finished at 1062/8. Indian Irons were last transacted at 30/4.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange to-day:—

Tata Deferred's (1895) 1890 77/8 85 75 77/8
Tata Ordinaries (374/8) 374 72/8 73 71/8 72 71/8.
Bombay Dyeings (1070) 1075 60 62/8
Tata Ordinary 371/8, Tata Deferred 1877/8, Indian Iron 30/4, Bombay Dyeing 1065, Century 359/6, Central India 294/6, Kohinoor 405, Associated Cement 134, Bombay Burma 507/8, Scindia Steam 21/2, Tata Hydro 180, Reserve Bank 105/8, Imperial Bank F P 1565, Central Bank 44, Bank of India 143/12, 3 1/2 per cent Paper 95/2.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay: Feb. 17.

The local market was easy to-day on general selling influenced by political developments in the East. In sympathy with a decline of 6 pts in New York cotton futures, the market was expected to open at Rs. 185/8 for Broach A/M. delivery but the market opened quiet at Rs. 184/8 and improved to Rs. 184/12 on scattered buying. At this level there appeared general selling and commission house liquidation and prices declined to Rs. 182/12. At this low level there was moderate professional support and prices rallied to Rs. 183/8. The market was steady with moderate business. At the moment the market is inclined to follow political developments.

Liverpool market opened at a decline of 8 points and in the local market Broach A/M was quoted at Rs. 183/8. There was further support and prices improved to Rs. 184. At this lecel there was renewed selling by offices and prices declined to Rs. 182 The market closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

F G M G Broach April May .....Rs. 182/4
F G M G Broach July/August .....Rs. 184/4
Fine M G Oomra March .....Rs. 138/4
Fine M G Oomra May .....Rs. 140/4
Fine M G Oomra July .....Rs. 142/4
F G M G Bengal March .....Rs. 115/0
F G M G Bengal May .....Rs. 116/0

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay: Feb. 17.

	Extra Spr-fine.	Sup.	Fine.	F.G.	Good
M G Bengal U P	124	122	119	117	
M G. Punjab	124	122	119	117	
M G Rajputana	130	128	125	123	
M G Oomra No. 3	150	147	144	141	...
M G C. P. No. 1	169	166	163	160	...
M G C. P. No. 2	157	154	151	148	...

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS.

Bombay: Feb. 17.

Approx. quotations.	Ready.	Delry. contract.
Bengal Fine	116/19	
Berar	137/44	
C. P. 1	165/69	
C. P. 2	147/52	
Khandesh	117/24	
Muglai	128/30	
	Feb.	March
Broach	+10	+6½
Punjab S G 289F	309/14	
Punjab R G 289F	284/89	
Punjab R G 4F	219/24	

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS.

Bombay: Feb. 17.

Wheat May	0	4	3
Linseed May	0	6	6
Groundnut February	1	15	0
Castorseed May	2	4	0
Cottonseed May	0	14	0
Silver 1st Settlement	0	12	0
Silver 2nd Settlement	1	5	0
Gold 1st Settlement	0	5	0
Gold 2nd Settlement	0	8	0

Indian Cotton Figures

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY OF INDIAN COTTON

In full-pressed bales. 15-2-41.	This year.	Since 1st Sept. Last year
Khandesh	1,157	75,111	48,195
Central India	579	78,963	61,519
Barsi and Nagar	2,232	71,845	98,800
Hyderabad/Gaorani	963	23,973	39,945
Berar	2,080	239,208	232,201
Central Provinces	708	46,222	55,671
Total Oomras	7,719	535,322	536,331
Dholeras	242	38,198	34,293
N.-W. Provinces		1,006	21,701
Rajputana		3,516	23.777
Sind-Punjab	3,255	307,561	280,267
Broach	205	17,437	76,344
Coompta & Dharwar	102	29,693	14,683
Westerns-Northerns	67	30,468	16,365
Cocoanada		239	50
Tinnevelly & Cambodia		522	1,309
Total	12,590	963,962	1,005,120
Arrived by road to 6th Feb. 1941		132,250	133,248

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES.

F. P. Bales.	1940/41	1939/40
Receipts to date 15-2-41	2834000	6205000
Receipts yesterday 15-2-41	9000	21009
Export to date 15-2-41	711000	4700000
Stock at Ports 14-2-41	3494000	2954000
Stock at interior towns do.	3192000	2892000
Stock at Liverpool 14-2-41		
Visible supply 14-2-41		
Quantity in sight 14-2-41	8601000	11134000
Quantity out of sight 14-2-41		

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay: Feb. 15.

	Highest	Lowest	Closing at 3 p.m.
Broach A/M	188 1/2	186 1/4	186 1/2
Broach J/A	189 3/4	187 1/2	187 3/4
Oomra March	147 1/2	144 1/2	144 1/2
Oomra May	149	146 1/2	146 1/2
Oomra July	151	148 1/2	148 1/2
Bengal March	119 1/2	118	118
Bengal May	120 3/4	119 1/2	119 1/2

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Feb. 17.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 Loan 96-12
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes 95-4
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 100-12
3 per cent 1951/54 Bonds 99-2
3 per cent 1963/65 Loan 94-4
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 102-6
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 108-1
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 104-10
3 per cent War Bonds 100-13
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 113-8

TAX FREE LOANS.

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 112-5
4 per cent 1953/65 Mysore 115-8
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 125

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B P T 1974 107-8
4 per cent M Deb 1974 107-8
5 per cent M Deb 1959 116
6 per cent M Deb 1954 127
6 per cent K P T 1956 127
Tone: Quietly steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay: Feb. 17.

LONDON:—
B C RATES:—
T T D D 1/5 15/16 to 16th August
Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 to 16th Aug.
Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 to 16th Aug.
Bank's buying D D 1/6 3/32 One month
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 One month
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 1/4 two months
NEW YORK:—
Bank's selling T T 332 3/4
Bank's buying T T 329 3/4
Bank's buying D D 328
JAPAN:—
Bank's selling T T 81 1/4 nominal.
Bank's buying T T 77 nominal
Bank's buying 60 days 76 1/4 nominal
JAVA:—
Bank's selling D D 55 3/4
HONGKONG:—
Bank's selling D D 86 1/4
SHANGHAI:—
Bank's selling D D 21
SINGAPORE:—
Bank's selling D D 157 3/4
CROSS RATES:—
Hongkong/London 1/3 1/32 17th inst.
Shanghai/London 0/3 9/16 17th inst.
New York/London 4.03 15th inst.
London/Java 7.58/62 15th inst.
London/New York 4.02 1/2-3 1/2 15th inst.
London/Switzerland 17.30/40 15th inst.
London/Stockholm 16.85/95 15th inst.
London/Japan 1/2 1/2 15th inst.
London/Canada 4.43/47 15th inst.
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady.
Gold £8/8/0 14th inst.
Silver London Ready 23 1/4 14th inst.
Silver London Forward 23 1/4 14th inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 14th inst.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 15th inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 15th inst.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call unendable.
3 months 1/2 per cent
6 months 3/4 per cent
Tone: Very easy

WHEAT & LINSEED

Bombay: Feb. 17.

Linseed May	4 10 6
Wheat May	3 10 6

BANKERS' CLEARING

Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 14/2/1941 were as under:—

No. of cheques—1,16,746. Amount of cheques—Rs. 14,84,09,763/9/4

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay: Feb. 17.

Yellow metal sheet .....Rs. 79/0
Copper sheets .....Rs. 69/8
Tone:—Weak.

PEPPER & GINGER

Bombay: Feb. 17.

The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association, Ltd.:— Rs.as.ps.
Pepper ready Alleppey per candy 75 0 0
Pepper Chaitra Sud 15 per candy 78 4 0
Pepper Jeth Sud 15 per candy 80 4 0
Ginger bleached per cwt 15 0 0
Ginger Chaitra Sud 15 per cwt 12 8 0

Piecegoods & Yarn

Bombay, Feb. 14.

PIECE-GOODS

Grey, Unbleached.—

	Per lb.	Rs. a. p.
Longcloth (Standard Quality)	,,	0 10 10
Longcloth (Fine Quality)	,,	1 1 3
Shirtings	,,	0 9 11
Shirtings (Vegetable Quality)	,,	0 9 10
Leopard Cloth	,,	0 10 2
Dhoties (upto 1/2" nakhi Border)	,,	0 10 6
Dhoties (Calcutta, 5/8" P. B.)	,,	1 1 4
Drills	,,	0 10 3
Domestics	,,	0 9 1
Domestics	,,	0 8 7
Salita	,,	0 10 0
Chadars	,,	0 11 0

White Bleached.—

	Per Piece.	Rs. a. p.
Longcloth	,,	13 12 0
Drill	,,	9 9 4

Yarn.—

	Per lb.	Rs. a. p.
4s (All Waste)	,,	0 4 2
6-1/2s (All Waste)	,,	0 4 7
8-1/2s	,,	0 5 10
10-1/2s	,,	0 6 4
12-1/2s	,,	0 6 7
16s	,,	0 7 10
20s	,,	0 8 6
24s	,,	0 8 11
32s	,,	0 10 3
40s	,,	0 11 2
60s	,,	1 2 10
80s	,,	1 11 2

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE CLOSED

The Calcutta Stock Exchange Association is closed to-day owing to the death of Mr. Jotindra Nath Roy, of Messrs. Mahendra Nath Roy and Sons. Mr. Roy was one of the founder-members of the Association.—A. P.

The Chhoi Silk Mill Company, Ltd.

The 45th annual general meeting of the Chhoi Silk Mill Company, Limited, was held at the registered office of the Company at Hornby Rd., on Thursday last when the Directors' report and the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1940 were adopted. The report showed a net loss of Rs. 46,132/6, which it was proposed to carry forward to next year's account.

QUETTA: The two Polish refugees who arrived here some time ago after escaping from the custody of Germans have now been sent under instructions of the Government of India to Bombay where the Polish Consul will deal with their cases. It is learnt that they have expressed a keen desire to join the Polish army and fight against Germany.—A. P.

General Selling In Share Bazar

NEW GREATS ACTIVE WITH SUPPORT

Steels And Textiles Decline

Bombay: Feb. 17.

The local Share Bazar opened quietly steady and in sympathy with weakness in raw cotton prices there was increased general liquidation which resulted in steady decline in quotations. Towards the close there was moderate support and prices recovered few points from the low levels reached. It appears that the market is cautious watching developments in the Near-East.

On Saturday the Wall-St. market tended up to one dollar higher and closed steady but slightly under the best with early buying on the theory that the previous day's relapse had climaxed a weak spell. The relaxation in the Far-Eastern tension was helpful but the Balkans remain a source of pessimism. U. S. Steel shares closed 5/8 up at 57 3/8 and Anaconda Copper Mining shares were 1/2 up at 22 1/2 dollars.

In the local market there was mixed feeling, but in cotton mill shares there was

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay: Feb. 17.

Bombay Dyeing (1112/8) 1110 1095 1102 1095 1097
Century (377/8) 376 375 376 375
Central India (308/8) 307/8 306 305
Kohinoor (418) 417 419 414 416 414 413
New Great (419) 421 419 424 421 425
Simplex (106/8) 106 104/8
Swadeshi (278/8) 278 275 276 275
Associated Cement (138/8) 138/8 137/8 137
Andhra (1835) 1830
Tramway Ordinary (135) 135
Tata Hydro (185/8) 186
Tata Power (1625) 1617 1620 1615 1612
Tata Steel Defd (1957/8) 1947 1935 1920 1930 1927
Tata Steel Ordinary (381/8) 380 378 376 378 377
Tata Steel 2nd Preference (148/12) 148/12 149
Bellapur (211) 211 210/8
Bombay Steam (320) 320
Bombay Burma (535) 533 527 530 525 523

selective buying with New Great mill shares showing great activity and persistent buying and prices improved to Rs. 425.

Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 1947 and improved to Rs. 1952, but steadily declined to 1920. Prices recovered to Rs. 1930 and steadied at Rs. 1927. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 380 and after declining to Rs. 376 improved to Rs. 377. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1107 and declined to Rs. 1095. At this level there was some buying and prices rallied to Rs. 1102, but again eased off to Rs. 1095.

There was moderate turnover and in view of the Budget and international political developments the tone of the market was quietly steady and operators were cautious.

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, Feb 17

100 Ahm. Advance	281	4
250 BOMBAY DYEING	1097	8
100 CENTURY	375	0
100 CENTRAL INDIA	305	0
100 COLABA	170	0
100 Coorla	105	0
250 David	30	0
250 Dawn	342	8
1 E. D. Sassoon Def.	0 9	3
100 FINLAY	179	0
100 GOKAK	299	0
1000 Hindustan	1925	0
100 Indore	56	0
100 Khatau	148	12
100 KOHINOOR	413	0
250 LAXMI	535	0
100 MORARJI	224	0
250 Model	78	8
50 MYSORE X.D.	110	0
200 NEW GREAT	425	0
100 Oosmanshahi	51	8
100 Phoenix	266	0
25 Sassoon Silk	85	8
1000 Sholapur	2,90	0
50 SIMPLEX	104	8
100 SWADESHI	275	0
100 SWAN	168	0
500 Vishnu	1277	8
1000 Western	1050	0

BANKS

50-100 BARODA	198	0
25-50 CENTRAL	43	12
500 IMPERIAL	1560	0
125-500 Imp. Contrys.	386	4
50-100 India	144	0
100 RESERVE BANK	105	4
5 UNION	9	10

CEMENTS

100 ASSOCIATED	137	0

INSURANCE

100 Empire	633	12
15-100 JUPITER	13	8
20 Mercantile	64	12
15-75 NEW INDIA	41	0
200 Oriental	3950	0
10-50 Vulcan	8	2

ELECTRIC

100 AHMD OLD X.D.	175	10
1000 ANDHRA VALLEY	1835	0
10 AJMER	12	3
50 BOMBAY TRAM	135	0
100 Bombay Suburban	185	0
10 Broach	14	0
100 Karachi	213	12
100 Poona	215	0
100 Surat	180	0
100 TATA HYDRO	185	8
1000 TATA POWER	1612	8

RAILWAYS

500 Ahmedabad Prantij	977	8
100 C Province	103	12
100 Dhond Baramati	104	4
100 Gujarat X.D.	102	12
100 Mandra Bhon	103	8
100 Pachora Jamner	63	8
100 Sara Sirajgunj	104	8
500 Tapti Valley	650	0

MININGS

9 Burma Corporation	5	2
8sh. Indian Copper	2	1 6
10 Indian Iron and Steel	30	4
10 SHIVRAJPUR	3	0
30 TATA STEEL DEF.	1927	8
75 TATA STEEL ORD.	377	0
10 Steel Corporation	18	6

MISCELLANEUS

100 ALCOCK	575	0
10 Air Service	3	4
50 BELAPUR SUGAR	210	8
200 Bombay Safe Dep	N 590	0
250 BOMBAY STEAM	220	0
125 B. BURMA	523	12
50 B. Burma

NEW YORK COTTON ONE POINT UP

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

MARCH 1941.
New York, Feb 17

Previous closing	10.18
To-day's opening	10.17
Difference	—01
To-day's closing	10.19
Difference	+01

BROACH EXPECTATION

April/May	Rs. 182-8
July/August	Rs. 183 8

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MARCH 1941.
Liverpool, Feb 17

Previous closing	8.32
To-day's opening	8.24
Difference	—08
To-day's closing	8.24
Difference	—08

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Feb 17

The New York cotton continues to be sluggish and listless with the uncertainty over future of Liverpool futures creating caution. Trading in March began at 10.17 i.e. one point lower than the last closing. The market showed a lower tendency on scattered March liquidation and hedging but the pressure was rather restricted with resultant movements being very narrow. Later, March advanced to 10.22.

The following are to-day's opening ranges in New York cotton :—

March (10.25/25) 10.17/17
May (10.21/20) 10.13/13
July (10.07/06) 9.98/98

The following are opening rates on Liverpool cotton market :—

American March (8.28) 8.25
American May (8.29) 8.26
Egyptian Giza March (11.08) 11.04
Egyptian Giza May (11.07) 11.03

LONDON COMMODITIES

London, Feb 17

Castorseeds January February unquoted
Linseed Bombay Calcutta February March (£18 9/76 quoted) £18 9/16
Linseed La Plata March (£11 3/8 quoted) £11 3/8
Groundnuts Coromandal February March (£17 1/4 quoted) £17 1/4

JUTES

Dundee (£43) £43
Lightning (£40) £40

RUBBER

Spot (12 3/4d paid and buyers) 12 3/4d paid
Forward January March (12 15/16d paid and sellers) 12 13/16d paid and value

LONDON METALS

Tin (£253 1/2 buyers, £264 sellers. Strong) £266 buyers; £266 1/2 sellers. Strong.
Electrolytic Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

Easier Tendency

Madras, Feb. 17.

On the local stock exchange, the market exhibited a slightly easier tendency. However, in the absence of heavy selling pressure the drop in prices was not very heavy. Giltedged securities were quiet and Banks were neglected. Textiles received support, while Sugars were moderately good but Plantings remained unchanged. Engineerings were quieter and in miscellaneous issues Mysore Industrial group of shares were well enquired for

Transactions reported from 12 noon yesterday to 12 noon to-day

Indo Commercial 100; Buckinghams 242; Rajalakshmi 54 xd; Maduras 40; Cochin Malabar 6/9 small odd lot; Ayer Manis pref 100; United Nilgiri 119/8, 121/8; Travancore Rubbers 8/8; Highlands 30/2, 30/4; Ninsuch Tea 19/12; Midlands 5/4; Travancore Sugars 13/14; India Sugars 10/4; Madras Telephones 16/8; Mysore Paper 14/4, 14/6; Mysore Chemicals 16/12, 15/14, 16/15 and 17; Mettur Chemical 9/8; A V Thomas 15/4; Indian Steel Rolling ord 7/14

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS.

HEDGE CONTRACT RATES
Bombay, Feb 17

Yarn No. 6 1/2s February 125 April 126 June 127
Yarn No. 10 1/2s February 148 April 147 June 147
Yarn No. 20 1/2s February 189 1/2 April 191 June 192
Yarn No. 40s February 267 April 268 June 269

COMET SEEN AT AHMEDNAGAR.

POONA, Feb. 17.

According to reports received here the comet was seen at Ahmednagar last night about 8-30 about 20 degrees South-west from the line drawn down the horizon from the planets Jupitar and Saturn.—A. P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 17th Feb. 1941 :—

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hrs. +.008 inches.
Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 74.6 deg.
Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 71.9 deg.
Maximum temperature during 24 hrs. 82.4 deg. (0.4 above normal).
Minimum temperature during 24 hrs. 70.5 deg. (3.3 above normal).
Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 87 per cent.
Direction of wind at 8 a.m. E N E.
Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 4 miles per hr.
Total movement of wind in 24 hrs. 132 mls.
Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours, 15 miles per hour.
Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) Trace.
Earthquake Report :—An earthquake shock of moderate intensity at its origin about 1,530 miles away was recorded by the seismographs at the Colaba observatory at 22h. 13m. (I.S.T.) on 16th Feb. 1941.

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 17/2/1941

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 77.6 deg. F. a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.17 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.97 inches.

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

RAJKOT SPORTS
(From Our Correspondent.)
Rajkot, Feb. 15.

The annual sports of the Dharmendrasinhji College were held on Friday, under the presidentship of Yuvraj Manharsinhji Saheb of Rajkot, who gave away the cups, medals and prizes for the College Sports, theatricals, etc. Mr. Marfani got the Championship. Principal Dr. Yajnik thanked the Yuvraj, Dewan Saheb and the guests.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York, Feb 17

Previous closing	4.03 1/4
To-day's opening	4.03 1/4

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, Feb 17

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS
London, Feb 17

T. T. London on Paris not quoted.

LONDON SILVER CABLE

London, Feb 17

The following cable was received from London :—

Market quiet and steady.

LONDON SILVER
London, Feb 17

Spot (23 1/4d) 23 1/4d nil
Forward (23 1/4d) 23 1/4d nil

LONDON GOLD
London, Feb 17

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8 8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Feb 17

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02.50 to 4.03.50 which is officially fixed rate.

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1 6) 1 6
Paris on Bombay not quoted
New York on Milan not quoted
New York on Bombay (30.35) 30.35
London on Shanghai (0-3 1/4 to 0-3 9/16) 0-3 9/32 to 0-3 19/32
London on Kobe (1-2 to 1 2 1/2) 1-2 to 1 2 1/2

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent.
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent
6 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent

BULLION AND SEEDS

Bombay, Feb 17

There was no trading during the night session.

Arya Kreeda Mandal Annual Sports

THANA, Feb. 17.

The Fourth Annual Sport-Meet of the Arya Kreeda Mandal, Thana, was another success. Keen and healthy rivalry prevailed and some fine sport was provided.

HORNETS: (Boys under 15):—75 m. Run: 1. G. B. Doke, 2. K. A Dixit.
High Jump: 1. K. A Dixit; 2 Watty.
(Girls under 15):—Throwing the Cricket Ball: 1. Miss Mona D'Mello; 2. Miss Suman Gajanan Pradhan.
CADETS: (Boys under 18):—100 m. Run: 1. P B. Donde; 2. C. V. Raje.
Throwing the Discus: 1. P. M. Hedge; 2. M. S. Dalvi.
Broad Jump: 1. B. R. Mohorikar; 2. M. S. Dalvi.
Pole Vault: 1. M. B. Phatak; 2. M. S. Dalvi.
(Girls under 18): Broad Jump: 1. Miss Gulab Warty; 2. Miss Lila Bhagwat.
Put Shot: 1. Miss Kusum Dalvi; 2. Miss Mona D'Mello.
SENIOR EVENTS (Men): 100 m. Run: 1. G. G. Dalvi; 2. Babu Patil.
3,000 m. Walk: 1. D. J. Gawde; 2. S. P Deherkar
Put Shot: 1 Y. G Kulkarni; 2. G. G. Dalvi
Broad Jump: 1. G. G. Dalvi; 2. Babu Patil
Pole Vault: 1. L. G Hambir; 2. G. G. Dalvi.
Hop, Step and Jump: 1. Y. G. Kulkarni; 2. G. G. Dalvi
Throwing the Javelin: 1. Y. G. Kulkarni; 2 G. B Kharkar.
Throwing the Discus: 1 Y. G. Kulkarni; 2. S. P. Deherkar.
(Women): 100 m. Run: 1. Miss Gulab Warty; 2. Miss Suman Gajanan Pradhan.
1,500 m Walk: 1. Miss Mona D'Mello; 2. Miss Doris Rebello.
Throwing the Discus: 1. Miss Kusum Dalvi; 2. Miss Mona D'Mello.
Mother and Baby Race: 1. Mrs. Dighe; 2. Mrs Raje.
RELAY RACE:—Men: 1. Arya Kreeda Mandal; 2. Thana Police Club.

A meeting of the Standing Advisory Committee attached to the Department of Supply, it is learned, will be held here on March 3.

DEFAMATION CASE JUDGMENT:

Strictures Against Complainant

Action Constitutes Fraud On Public, Remarks Magistrate: Mr. Taraporewala Gets Lenient Sentence In View Of Character

KARACHI, Feb. 1.

The curtain was finally rung down upon the defamation case filed by Mr. Punniah against Mr. P. C. Tarapore, when Mr. Ghulam Rasool Soomro, Second Additional City Magistrate, convicted Mr. Tarapore and sentenced him to pay a fine of Rs. 51 or in default to undergo simple imprisonment for a term of one month, and in the latter case recommended "A" class. The fine was, however paid.

It is understood that Mr. Tarapore is filing an appeal against the judgment.

While convicting Mr. Taraporevala the Magistrate, acquitted him of being actuated by malice and passed some severe strictures on the conduct of the complainant.

The following are extracts from the judgment:

DIGNIFIED ARTICLES

The articles on perusal appear to have been written in a most dignified manner and without ill-will and spite against the complainant.

As said above, I have found the accused to be guilty for having written and published the articles recklessly and without due care and attention.

When in witness box, the complainant has failed to fare as a straightforward man. His entire deposition is full of mental reservation and categorical denials deliberately told with a view to disguise the real state of facts from this court. He is a shrewd man and knows how much to admit and how much to deny.

From his depositions, it is clear that the complainant interested himself in the Khairpur State affairs for the first time in April 1926 writing articles successively in favour of His Highness the late Mir wherein he tried to remove all his difficulties and described him to be a very good soul.

He further admits that the articles appearing in his paper regarding the Khairpur affairs appeared to be from "Correspondent" "Special Correspondent" and "Special Commissioner" but that in fact he himself was the author thereof. This fact coupled with the fact of his visit to Khairpur amply shows, that this was done, with some set-purpose and powerful motive, and not from humanitarian point of view, as is alleged.

Lenient Sentence

By adopting this course of preparing the ground by writing such articles himself but showing them as to have come from other correspondents and then to write his leader to show that it was in confirmity with the public opinion, HE HAS PERPETRATED FRAUD ON THE PUBLIC BY MAKING THEM BELIEVE THAT THOSE ARTICLES WERE FROM THE CORRESPONDENTS.

Since his conduct in the Khairpur affairs was publicly impeached by the "Karachi Daily," the "New Sind" and the Municipality and he took no action against either of them to vindicate his character, and in view of the fact of absence of malice on the part of the accused, and looking to his old age, character and antecedents. I find, these to be sufficient grounds, for treating the case of the accused, more leniently and I would have let him off with a severe warning under Section 562 (1-A) Cr. P. C. but to be within legal bounds, I sentence him to pay a fine of Rs. 51 or in default to undergo simple imprisonment for a term of one month. The accused in the latter case will be placed "A" Class prisoner.

BYE-LAWS FOR BUILDINGS

City Engineer Calls For Suggestions From All Parts Of India

The work of revising the Bombay Municipal Building Regulations and Bye-laws that was undertaken has reached its final stage. The preliminary draft was printed in a book form and was circulated to all the architects and engineers in the city as well as to other engineering institutions and prominent engineers outside the city.

A sub-committee from amongst the above was appointed to assist the City Engineer in finally drafting the rules. This sub-committee made many valuable suggestions and the final draft that has now emerged is a result of the embodiment of such suggestions both of the committee and of various other interests mentioned above. The revised draft embodies the very latest ideas on town-planning, housing, slum clearance, playgrounds and parking places, etc., and the same is in print and will be shortly submitted to the Corporation for their consideration. This revised draft consists of two parts. The first part embodies amendments to Building Bye-laws which when approved by the Corporation and on receiving the assent of the Provincial Government become Law. The second part embodies amendments to various sections of the Bombay City Municipal Act, which when passed by the Corporation would become Law only after the necessary legislation in that behalf is passed.

Though the above important work can be said to have reached its final stage so far as its drafting is concerned, there still remains the detailed work of formulating codes for the R. C. C. and steel frame work which constitute a very substantial part of modern building construction. This Municipality does not possess any codes on these subjects and the I. C. C. codes are taken as a guide to control such construction at present. It can be readily agreed that the conditions and standard of average building construction in Bombay are greatly different from those obtaining in England and other western countries and the need for having special codes for such work for Bombay need not be emphasized.

SUGGESTIONS INVITED

It is with this end in view that the City Engineer has now undertaken this work with the co-operation of two sub-committees whose members are chosen from amongst all engineering interests in the city.

Suggestions from as wide a field of engineers as possible from various parts of India have also been invited and the City Engineer will be glad to receive suggestions from any quarter, all of which will be duly considered by these sub-committees, while formulating final draft codes.

It is hoped that the result of these efforts will be reflected in evolving up-to-date codes for R. C. C. and steel work, which will not only be a guide to builders in Bombay but to all engineers and contractors undertaking such works throughout India.

A resolution protesting against the order expelling seven students from the Engineering College, Guindy, and demanding its withdrawal was passed at a meeting this evening organised by the Madras Students Organisation at Triplicane Beach.

Athletics

Hume School Sports

The Annual Intramural Athletic Sports of the Hume High School were held on the Wilson College Gymkhana, under the presidentship of Mr. I. N. Mehta, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Bombay. A large gathering of parents, friends, past and present pupils of the school was present. The events on the programme were keenly contested.

Mr. Mehta at the close of the sports congratulated the Rev. S J. R. Ramdas, the Principal, and the staff of the school on the efficient management of the sports and the well arranged programme for the evening.

He commended highly the organization of Group sports and games by which the school made it possible for every boy and girl in the school to take part in the sports programme for the Sports Day.

Mrs. Mehta distributed the large number of cups and prizes. The principal awards of the evening were as follows: There was a tie between G. S. Shenoi and D. Edward for the "Dongre Cup" for Senior Athletic Championship. J. A. Baig won the Junior Championship Cup. The Girl's Championship Cup was won by Rosaline Muliyil. The School Athletic Cup was won by Blue Star House. The Green Star House was declared winner of the School Sports Shield awarded for the highest score in games and athletics.

'Varsity Hockey

LUCKNOW, Feb. 16.

The Punjab University qualified for the North Jone Final of the Inter-University Hockey Tournament by defeating the Muslim University, Aligarh, by three goals to one.

Punjab was the better side and could have won by a still wider margin had their forwards not missed a number of scoring opportunities.

The other match between the Lucknow University and the Delhi University ended in a goalless draw. The local side had the better of the exchanges throughout the play but could not score —A. P.

Weight Lifting At Matunga

The South Matunga Athletic Club, once again held their annual weight-lifting competition with success. The programme was long and interesting. The Mayor of Bombay, Mr Mathuradas Tricamjee, presided at the function.

The following were the results:—

FLYWEIGHT

L. S. Narayanan—body weight 99, press 130, snatch 110, clean and jerk 150—total 390—1. John Kodra—body weight 112, press 130, snatch 110, clear and jerk 150—total 390—2.

BANTAMWEIGHT

Ramchandra Gopal—body weight 121, press 150, snatch 120, clear and jerk 180—total 450—1. Abdul Kayam—body weight 122, press 140, snatch 115, clear and jerk 170—total 425—2.

FEATHERWEIGHT

M. B. Irani—body weight 131, press 160, snatch 145, clear and jerk 185—total 490—1. R. C. Dhala—body weight 129, press 160, snatch 135, clear and jerk 190—total 485—2.

LIGHTWEIGHT

V. D. Telang—body weight 138, press 160, snatch 155, clear and jerk 210—total 525—1. R. C. Dhala—body weight 129, press 160, snatch 145, clear and jerk 190—total 495—2.

WEIGHT PER WEIGHT

L. S. Narayanan—body weight 99, total 390, rate 3.94—1. R. C. Dhala—body weight 129, total 495, rate 3.83—2.

MIDDLEWEIGHT

L. G. Jasana body weight 164, total 525.

Western India Tennis Championship

Bekkevold & Man Mohan Wend A Weary Way: Bobjee And Charanjiva Beaten: Miss Row In Singles Final

For two hours and twenty minutes tennis fans saw F. Bekkevold and Man Mohan travel a weary way for the right to enter the semi-final round of the Western India Championships on Tuesday. At 4-5 p.m. the men took the court and it was 6-25 p.m. when they concluded their Singles encounter. Bekkevold coming out on top in a most unenterprising affair.

Three further Single matches were played which give us the last four in this section of the Championships. Reading from the top they are: S. A. Azim who bettered J. Charanjiva, F. Bekkevold, as already mentioned, got the better of a Marathon against Man Mohan. The Rasikumar of Wankaner, who had a surprising by easy triumph over M. V. Bobjee, of Madras fame; and C. W. Barker. The latter got the measure of quite a good man R. N. Pandit

Miss Leela Row got a fairly easy passage to the final of Ladies Singles. On Monday she eliminated Mrs. J. F. Maine, though, the latter in the second set did put up a semblance of a fight. Our Leela remains in a class by herself. She packs her matches with splendid tennis and few have seen a more graceful player in action.

THAT MARATHON

Returning to the Men's Singles one has to go back to the tedious match between Bekkevold and Man Mohan, an encounter that eventually bored the stands. The first set was not too bad, as the tennis was not dead slow and the eighteen-year-old Man Mohan, from Agra, showed he could face the best. His top vollying was splendid. This set closed in favour of Man Mohan 10—8. After this enterprise was not in the match at all. Both players indulged in a lot of pat-ball stuff, waiting for the errors of the opposite party. These were slow to come and lengthy rallies followed one after another. In one rally there were no less than 30 returns. The second set went to Bekkevold 8—6. In the deciding phase Man Mohan fell with a pulled muscle when things stood at three-all. He received attention and continued bravely. But, his leg was troubling his and his game was not the same. Bekkevold ran out winner 6—4.

WANKANER SHINES

Very much more was expected from M. V. Bobjee, but critics had to admit that, it was not so much Bobjee's bad play, as it was the great tennis that the Rasikumar of Wankaner put up against the Madras player. The Rasikumar handled Bobjee's kicking service with ease. He placed winnings shots all round the court and had an uncanny inclination of clipping the lines with very little to spare. This kind of tennis hustled Bobjee into quick defeat.

Azim is playing splendid tennis in the Singles section this year. He played better tennis than the good game of J. Charanjiva, when he beat him 6—4, 6—4.

The following are the results:—

MEN'S SINGLES

F. Bekkevold beat Man Mohan, 8—10, 8—6, 6—4; S A. Azim beat J. Charanjiva, 6—4, 6—4; C. W. Barker beat R. N. Pandit, 2—6, 6—1, 6—1; Rasikumar of Wankaner beat M V. Bobjee 6—3, 6—1.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

SEMI-FINAL: Miss Leela Row beat Mrs. Maine, 6—0, 6—3.

PLATE MATCHES

G D. Bhagat beat M. R. Merchant, 6—2; N Balaram w.o. L. M. Khatau; K. K. Dastur beat K. V. B. Singh, 6—2, 12—10; R. K. Shanghani beat V. P. Khatau 6—1, 6—2; K. L Dalaya beat J. J. Ghia 6—3, 6—3; E. Duthie beat J R. Shanghani 6—0, 6—3; D. M Pereira beat S. G. Rao, 1—6, 6—3, 6—3, M. R. Row w.o. M. S. Nemani.

Matches For To-day

COURT NO. 2

4-00 p.m. Miss S. Mehta vs. Miss Haji.
4-45 p.m. Rasikumar of Wankaner vs. C. W. Barker.
5-30 p.m. G D. Bhagat and Man Mohan vs. E. Samukawa and N. Harada.

COURT NO. 3

4-30 p.m. F. Bekkevold and Mrs. Bell vs. P. F. Kekobad and Mrs. Maine.
5-30 p.m. L. M. Khatau and Miss Martin vs. M. V. Bobjee and Miss Haji.

COURT NO. 4

4-00 p.m. K. L. Dalaya vs. N. M. Damle.
4-45 p.m. D. M. Pereira vs. K. K. Dastur.
5-30 p.m. Rasikumar of Wankaner and Prince of Cutch vs. C. W. Owen and G. T. Gillespie.

COURT NO. 5

4-00 p.m. E. Samukawa vs. A. Peermahomed.
4-45 p.m. Madan Mohan vs. M. R. Row.
5-30 p.m. P. F. Kekobad vs. R. K. Shanghani.

COURT NO. 6

4-00 p.m. E. Duthie vs. G. D. Bhagat.

Dhyan Chand For Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Feb 17.

Dhyan Chand, the well-known Hockey player, will assist the All-India Eleven in their exhibition hockey match against the Bengal XI, which will be played on March 1 in aid of the War Purposes Fund. —A. P.

Tennis Ball Famine

The Calcutta South Club have decided to abandon the Bengal Junior Tennis Championship on account of the scarcity of tennis balls.

Punjab Championships

LAHORE, Feb, 17.

Further progress was made in the Punjab Tennis Championships this evening when the following matches were decided:—

(MEN'S SINGLES: OPEN)

Sawhney beat Sat Vir 6—3, 6—3; Savara beat Saiduddin 6—3, 7—5; Kamran beat Brooke Edwards 6—4, 6—3; Sohan Lal beat Shamsher Singh 6—0, 6—1; Narindra Nath beat Rafiq Khan 7—5, 7—8.

(MEN'S DOUBLES: OPEN)

Sawarnjit Singh and Prem Lal beat Lawson and Asghar Mian 6—3, 7—5; Brooke Edwards and K. Prasada beat Dent and Westwood 6—0, 6—1.

(MIXED DOUBLES: OPEN)

Soni and Mrs. Carey beat Taylor and Mrs. Elliott 6—4 6—2.

VETERANS' DOUBLES:

M. Naqi and M. C. Mahajan beat Khosla and Bhagat 6—1, 6—3.—A. P.

Harban Singh, Champion Wrestler, Defeated

NAGPUR, Feb. 17.

Harban Singh, champion wrestler, was defeated by Arjundas in an all-in style match in the fourth round last night at Mohan Park. The bout was a fight to the finish. Both wrestlers gave tough fight. In the fourth round Arjundas held Harbansingh in air, swing d him round and threw him out of the ring, and Harbansingh was counted out.

A silver mace weighing fifteen pounds was presented to the winner by Shree Swamy Vidyanandji Maharaj.—A. P.

Tin Bottle Tournament At Santa Cruz

The second Tin and Bottle tournament arranged by the Willingdon Catholic Gymkhana, Santa-Cruz yesterday. In all ten pairs of players took part in it. A fairly good standard of tennis was displayed by all new and old players.

The first prize was carried away by Mr. Patwari and the second one was grasped by Dr. Alvares. The first match began at 3.30. Three sets of seven games each set were played. The highest number of points scored was 15 by Mr. Patwari and second best was 13 by Dr. Alvares.

After the matches finished at 6.30 p.m. there was a Whist-drive competition and dance that continued upto late hours of the night.

The Hon. Mr. Justice A. G. R. Henderson and the members of the Alliance Francaise of Calcutta were "At Home" to H. E. Monsieur Louis Bonvin, Governor of French India in Calcutta.

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Hockey From All Quarters

Young Sports Extended: Bombay City Move Up: St. Patricks Win At Karachi: Yadavendra Tourney

There was only one match in the Bombay Provincial Hockey Championship on Monday, here, as anticipated the Young Sports won. It was, however, no run away victory, as most fans anticipated, as the Fortress Coy., R. Es., A. F. (I.) fought gallantly and allowed their opponents only two goals, which came in the last five minutes.

In the initial half there was no score. Young Sports, however, deserved to cross over with an advantage, as a number of penalty corners were wasted and at least two good scoring opportunities went abegging.

Changing over ends the R. Es., assumed the offensive first and worried the Young Sports Defence. With a little bit of luck they might have scored, one good opportunity was thrown away. The Young Sports then did some attacking and the game became a tussle, the R. Es., playing a hustling game, the Young Sports relying on brainy hockey.

Things pointed to a draw, when five minutes before the close, M. Cohen, the Young Sports left-half, scored Immediately, from the bully-off, the Young Sports broke away and for a second time they beat the opposite goalkeeper, Samuel, the inside-right doing the needful. Not long after the final whistle was heard.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURE

B. P. H. A. Ground—5-15 p.m.—Royal Indian Navy vs Lusitanians "B"

Bomby City Win At Parel

A very contested game was seen in the Lewis Cup tie, at Parel. In this encounter Bombay City got to the next round by beating Christ Church and Barnes Ex-Students by the only goal scored, in the match. This point was tallied in the first half by Kesari, the City's inside-right.

The full sixty minutes hockey was clean and every minute was a struggle for supremacy.

THIS EVENING'S GAME

St. Xavier's College Gymkhana, Parel.—5-15 p.m. St. Xavier's College "B" vs St. Xavier's College "C".

War Fund Hockey

The Bombay Provincial Hockey Association have decided that the hockey match in aid of the War Fund between Bombay and Poona will be staged on Sunday.

Karachi Tourney

Thanks to the British Overseas Airways' goalie F. Fernandez who saved time and again, they were able to draw yesterday with St. Patrick's Sports Club, both sides scoring nil, in the All-India Cabral hockey tournament.

The game was interesting from the start to finish. The St. Patrick's had easy scoring chances which were not forced to a successful decision. Frank De Souza (centre-forward) and Ivo Fernandez (full back) were outstanding.

Yadavendra Tourney

NEW DELHI, Feb 17.

Five matches were played to-day in the second round of the Yadavendra Hockey Tournament. The following were results:—

Central P. W. D. 1, Independents Club 0 (third replay)
Bhopal Wanderers 9, New Delhi Heroes "B" 0.
Bombay Customs 4, Occasionals 0.
Rampur 2, Hindu Club 1 (after extra time).
Khan's XI (Mardan) 1, Army H Q. 0.—A. P.

For Travellers To Union Of S. Africa

All British subjects are now required to be in possession of special endorsements before they travel to the Union of South Africa, says the Director of Information, Bombay: Intending travellers are therefore advised to present their passports to the nearest passport issuing authority at least three weeks before they propose to travel. Travellers are warned that they may be refused permission to land if they are not in possession of the necessary "visa" for the Union of South Africa.

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To-day

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Hightide: 4-12, 17-18
Lowtide: 10-31, 23-00
Sunrise: 7h. 5m.
Sunset: 6h. 40m.

CONFERENCE TO PREVENT ADULTERATION OF FOOD

Hon. Seth Shantidas Askuran, Member, Council of State, will preside over the All-India Conference for the Prevention of Adulteration of Milk, Ghee, Butter, etc., to be held at Delhi on February 21.

BOMBAY JEWELLERS' ASSOCIATION

The President and Members of the Committee of the above Association will congratulate Sjt. H. D. Jhaveri, Secretary of the Association for offering Satyagraha at a meeting at Hira Baug (C. P. Tank) today (Tuesday) at 6 p.m. (S.T.)

POSTAL NOTICE

Superscribed registered and unregistered correspondence for United States of America, Canada, Trinidad and Br. Guiana per s.s. 'Pres. Taylor,' will be accepted at the General Post Office upto 8-30 and 9 a.m. respectively on Thursday, the 20th instant instead of as previously notified.

With effect from 15/2/1941 a new No-Delivery Post Office called "Chinchpokli" will be opened in the premises known as "Gaffoor Building," situated at the junction of Delisle Road, Arthur Road and Chinchpokli Bridge.

With effect from the 15th Feb. 1941, a New No-Delivery Post Office called "Reay Road" will be opened in the premises of Hemraj Anandilal, situated at Reay Rd.

PRARTHANA SAMAJ

The seventh public lecture in the Northern India Saints Lecture Series by Prof. N. R. Phatak will be given to-morrow (Wednesday) at 6-30 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS, MATUNGA

There will be a special questions and answers meeting preceded by a short talk on "Fate and Free Will", at Putlia House, Bhau Daji Road, Matunga, G.I.P. at 8-15 p.m. to-day (Tuesday).

DINNER TO C. P. M.

Farewell dinner to Mr. I. N. Mehta, Chief Presidency Magistrate from Mr. Jamnadas M. Rajput at the Bombay Presidency Radio Club to-day (Tuesday) at 8-30 p.m.

K. E. M. HOSPITAL & G. S. M. COLLEGE EMPLOYEES' UNION

The Municipal Hospital Workers' Conference will be held in the K. M. Bhatt High School Hall, Parel, on Friday, the 28th of this month under the presidentship of Miss Godavari Gokhale. Under the auspices of the K. E. M. Hospital and G. S. M. College Employees' Union, a public meeting will be held to-day (Tuesday) at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.) on the terrace of this Union Building, to support the Municipal Hospital Workers' Conference

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

CAPITOL—"Balalaika" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"The House of the Seven Gables" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Contraband" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"The Thief of Bagdad" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"The Great Dictator" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m
MAJESTIC—"Punarmilan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Puja" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m
ROXY—"Bandhan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
WEST END—"Lagna Pahawe Karoon" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Nartaki" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Narsi Bhagat" Daily at 3, 6-15 and 9-30 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Madhusudan" Daily at 4-15, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Raj Nartaki" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Padosi" Daily at 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
PALACE—"The Sea Hawk" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"India To-day" Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
SUPER—"Mere Raja" Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.

"Limbdi Day"

Under the auspices of the All-India States' People's Conference, Kathiawad Praja Mandal, Shirohi Rajya Prajamandal and other associations, a public meeting will be held at Dhanji Street, (Tramhukent) tomorrow (Wednesday) at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.) in observance of the Second Anniversary of "Limbdi Day". Sjt. Mathuradas Trikamji, Mayor of Bombay will preside and Sjt. Samaldas Gandhi, Smti. Gangaben Patel and Sjt. Durlabji Parikh and others will address. Loud speakers will be installed. There will be separate accommodation for ladies.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

The Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley attended the wedding of Miss Patricia Gulliland and Mr. Figgins at All Saints Church, Malabar Hill.

'F' WARD DISTRICT CONGRESS COMMITTEE

At its urgent meeting held on Saturday, the Managing Council of the 'F' Ward District Congress Committee elected Sjt. Gunvant Todanker as the President of the Committee in the place of Sjt. D. D. Wadia who was arrested under the "Defence of India Rules."

SODALITY FEAST AT THANA

The compound of St. John the Baptist Church, Thana, presented a colourful scene on Sunday, when the Gents' Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated their first Annual Feast of our Lady of Lourdes. The renewal of the Act of Consecration was recited at the Grotto, followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A number of candidates were admitted into the Sodality before the service. Rev. Fr. Lobo of Gloria Church preached an impressive sermon. Earlier in the morning a number of Sodalists assembled in St. John the Baptist's High School Hall for light refreshments after the Feast Mass. The Sodality will be making its annual pilgrimage on 9th March, 1941 on the Church of our Lady at Kalyan.

A.-I. MUSLIM EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

A final meeting of the Reception Committee of the All-India Muslim Educational Conference was held on Saturday evening at Haroon Mansion, Mr. Ahmed Ebrahim Haroon Jaffer, Chairman of the Committee, presided. Accounts of income and expenditure of the last Conference session were passed.

BOMBAY STUDENTS' UNION

The Bombay Students Union has arranged one series of lectures on War and its effects on various spheres of life at Socialist Hall, Mantri House, 1, French Bridge, Bombay 4. to be delivered at 6-15 p.m.

Admission is by tickets at annas 4 for each for the whole series.

Lecturers are: Feb. 18 (Tues.) Prof. W. R. Natu (Sydenham College), on "War and Indian Trade". 21st Feb. (Friday): Mr. M. C. Chagla on "War and Culture". 25th Feb. (Tuesday): Mr. Purshotam Trikamdas on "War and Working Class". 28th Feb. (Friday): Mr. M. L. Shah on "War and Students". 4th March (Tuesday): Mr. K. A. Abbas on "War and Films". 7th March (Friday): Dr. K. Menon on "War and Civil Liberties". 11th March (Tuesday): Mr. Franc Moraes (Asst. Editor "Times of India") on "War and Journalism".

Tickets are available at the office of the Union, Mantri House, opp. Royal Opera House.

Bombay War Publicity Committee

Loud speaker programme for to-day (Tuesday):

MARATHI

8 a.m. Recorded music. 8-05 News bulletin. 8-20 Recorded music. 8-25 "Japan and War"—A talk. 8-30 Recorded music. 8-35 "Britain's Offensive"—A talk.

6-30 p.m. Recorded music. 6-35 "British Victory"—A talk. 6-40 Recorded music. 6-45 News bulletin. 7 Recorded music. 7-05 "Hitler's designs"—A talk.

GUJARATI

11 a.m. Recorded music. 11-05 News bulletin. 11-20 Recorded music. 11-25 "Mussolini pays the penalty"—A talk. 11-30 Recorded music. 11-35 "Nazi Leaders speak"—A talk.

4-30 p.m. Recorded music. 4-35 "Japan rushes into War"—A talk. 4-40 Recorded music. 4-45 News bulletin. 5 Recorded music. 5-05 "British victory assured"—A talk.

HINDUSTANI

6 p.m. Recorded music. 6-05 "Mussolini pays the penalty"—A talk. 6-10 Recorded music. 6-15 "Nazi Leaders speak"—A talk. 6-20 Recorded music. 6-25 News bulletin. 6-40 Recorded music. 6-45 "Italian disaster and Egypt"—A talk. 6-50 Recorded music. 6-55 "British victory assured"—A talk.

Need Of Carrying On Constructive Programme

"It is the duty of every Indian who believes in freedom to implement the constructive programme if he is unable to participate in the Satyagraha movement conducted by Mahatma Gandhi", declared Mr. Dhirajlal B. Desai, presiding over a big meeting held under the auspices of the B. P. C. C., at Vithaldas Road on Monday night.

Mr. Desai held out the example of the British people who were fighting as one man against the Germans and expressed the hope that Indians would show similar spirit at the present juncture.

He exhorted the audience to wear Khadi and also to carry out the constructive programme.

Mr. K. Vyas and Mr. G. Sharma also addressed the meeting.

Census In Central Assembly

Fate Of Two Adjournment Motions

Rasik Kumar of Wankaner and F. Bekkevold, who are among the last four in the Men's Singles in the Western India Tennis Championships.

No Support For Abdul Ghani: Parmanand's Fruitless Complaint Against Home Member

INSURANCE AMENDMENT BILL FOR SELECT COMMITTEE

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17.

Grievances regarding the census were the subject of two adjournment motions attempted in the Assembly this morning, one of which was ruled out by the Chair and the other fell through for want of support.

Maulvi Abdul Ghani wanted to discuss "the refusal of census enumerators in Bihar, Orissa, Jora State, Central Provinces and the United Provinces to return Urdu or Hindi as Mother Tongue of persons so demanding and their insistence on returning Hindustani for Urdu or Hindi notwithstanding people's protests."

MAXWELL'S OBJECTION

Sir Reginald Maxwell, Home Member, objecting said that the motion did not appear to refer to any specific matter but to a number of isolated cases in four different provinces relating to the conduct of a number of individual enumerators. The mover did not refer to any recent definite action of Government in the matter. The Home Member also made it clear that the action referred to in the motion would be contrary to all the instructions of Government.

Maulvi Abdul Ghani pointed out that the action complained of was brought to his notice on February 15.

The President said he was not prepared to admit that any honourable member of the House could make the matter more definite. He wanted to know if the Home Member had any other objection apart from his point of order.

LEAVE REFUSED

The Home Member answered in the affirmative.

The President thereupon asked those in favour of leave being granted to the motion to stand up. As the requisite number did not get up, leave was refused.

Bhai Parmanand had the second adjournment motion of the day to discuss the Home Member's refusal to accept short notice question on February 14 relating to serious grievances of Hindus in U. P. with regard to certain instructions given by the Census authorities.

OUT OF ORDER

The President pointed out there was no precedent for an adjournment motion of this nature. Acceptance or refusal of a short notice question, he said, was in the discretion of the Government Member concerned. He held the motion was out of order.

Half-day Sitting

The Legislative Assembly held a brief half-day sitting this morning and passed the Bill further to amend the Law relating to fraudulent marks on merchandise, as reported by the Select Committee, and also referred to a Select Committee the Bill further to amend the Insurance Act.

Insurance Amendment Bill

The Commerce Member, Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, making the Select Committee motion on the Insurance Amendment Bill explained that the amendments embodied in the Bill had been necessitated by the working of the Insurance Act, enacted three years ago. Before the bill was drafted, the Government held a conference with the Insurance interests and discussed various proposals, which the Government had received in recent months. The Bill, however, is not designed to be the last word on the subject and the Select Committee would consider if any important changes were necessitated in the Bill.

Doctor Bannerji moved that the Bill be circulated for eliciting public opinion by July 31, 1941. He said that it was true that the Government had consulted Insurance interests before having the Bill drafted. No final agreement had however been reached at the Conference. The Bill was a technical nature and affected large sections of people. It was therefore necessary that ample opportunity should be given to all sections affected by the Bill to express their views.

WHY RUSH IT THROUGH?

Dr. Bannerji was supported by Messrs Lakshmikant Maitra, Lalchand Navalrai, A. C. Dutta and Sir Ziauddin. It was urged by them that the Bill was not a war measure or of any urgent importance. It therefore need not be rushed through the current session.

Mr. Chapman Mortimer and Sir Abdul Halim Ghaznavi opposed the motion for circulation.

MUDALIAR'S ASSURANCE

Referring to the motion for circulation, the Commerce Member said that circulation procedure was not a rule but an exception in the matter of legislation. Ordinarily, bills were referred to Select Committees and were passed by the House. He however assured the House that he had no intention to rush through the Bill. He intended to consult Insurance interests before the Select Committee considered the Bill. He further assured the House that he would give the utmost consideration to any suggestion made by the Select Committee on the Bill.

The House divided and the motion for circulation was lost by 43 votes to 26.

The Assembly adjourned till to-morrow when the Ticketless Travellers Bill will be taken up.—A. P.

MR. OSMAN SOBANI WITHDRAWS

No Contest In To-day's Election

Mr. Osman Sobani, having withdrawn his candidature there will be no contest today in the election of a member from Byculla Ward No. 13 to the Bombay Municipal Corporation for the seat rendered vacant by the death of Mr. Kajle. There being no other candidate Mr. Khandray, the Congress candidate, will be declared duly elected.

Why He Withdrew

Mr. Osman Sobani has issued the following statement:—

On Tuesday, February 11, several friends met me and asked me to offer myself as a candidate for a seat in the Municipal Corporation vacated by the sad death of Mr. Kajle. They assured me that a large number of non-Muslims besides the Muslims would support me. Thereupon I filed my nomination at the eleventh hour.

During the last six days, voters of all communities and classes and particularly workers have offered their assistance spontaneously and most generously. I am deeply touched by the representation made by Rashtravir Nalvade and others on behalf of 300 workers to the president of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee which is published in the Marathi daily "Nagrik" this morning. I am ever so grateful to the friends who made this desperate effort to secure my election without a contest and to those who have assisted me in my whirlwind canvassing campaign in the brief space of six days. I have, however, decided to withdraw from the contest as the support I had expected from one block of voters is not forthcoming.

There are about 19,000 voters in this Ward—about 9,200 Hindus, 5,700 Muslims, 2,600 Europeans, Christians and Jews, etc., 200 Parsis and 50 companies. Looking at these figures no member of any minority community has any chance of success in a by-election. This applies to 18 out of 19 Wards into which the city has been divided. Only in one Ward i.e., Ward No. 4, has a Muslim candidate a fighting chance. In these conditions unless the members of the minority groups pool their votes they can never hope to succeed in a by-election. The result of the recent by-election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of my late friend Mr. Hirjibehedin proves my point.

This state of affairs strengthens the hands of people who ask for separate electorates. I have lost an opportunity of serving the city but I am most gratified to have learnt that my erstwhile fellow-workers, the textile workers of Bombay, have not forgotten me

GIRL SCOUTS' RALLY

The Annual Rally of the Girl Scouts of the Bombay Municipal Schools was held on Sunday last in the Compound of the Gilder Tank Building when Mr. Mathooradas Tricumjee, Mayor of Bombay presided.

Mr. M. V. Donde, Member of the Schools Committee, welcomed the guests and narrated the progress made by the Girl Scouts in the Municipal Schools in a short speech. The Guide movement was first started in the year 1929 and it gathered strength after having worked for nearly 12 years. To-day there were in all 3,368 Guides and Blue-Birds with 133 Guiders. The Guides and Guiders celebrated the National Scout Week at four different centres. They also held their annual sports. The movement thus afforded an all round education to the girls in the Municipal Schools. This year the girl scouts prepared many exhibits of Handwork and an Exhibition of the Handwork articles was arranged in the hall of the Gilder Tank Building.

After an interesting programme of action songs, dialogues, Drill etc., and some Guide events the President distributed Prizes to the winners in the sports. There were also Silver cups which were given as Trophies to the schools which showed proficiency.

Assembly Questions

PRICE OF INDIAN COTTON

"No Case For Extraordinary Govt. Action"

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17.

"The price of cotton is above the level prevailing at the outbreak of war and there is therefore not at the moment any occasion for extraordinary Government action," said the Commerce Member in reply to Mr. Govind Deshmukh.

Mr. Deshmukh asked if it would be possible for Government to call a conference on Cotton on the lines of that held with reference to Jute.

The Commerce Member replied that the position was constantly under consideration by the Government of India and at meetings of the Export Advisory Council, this question had been under review. He would, however, consider the suggestion for the holding of a conference.

Sir Ziauddin asked if Indian mills were using Indian cotton.

Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar pointed out that certain Indian mills were exclusively using Indian cotton, others both Indian and imported cotton, while still others were using only imported cotton, according to the quality of the cloth produced and the machinery used.

Sir Ziauddin:—In view of the special protection given to Indian mills, will Government take action to see that these mills used only Indian cotton.

Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar said that was a very large question. Diversification of the production of cotton cloth was recommended by the earliest of the Tariff Committees on cotton, and accordingly it was essential that some mills should produce finer yarn and cloth which could only be produced from imported cotton.—A. P.

Masonic Installation Ceremony

About 150 freemasons representing different lodges in Bombay City and the province assembled on Saturday evening to witness the Installation Ceremony of Rt. Wor. Bro. Dawood E. Ebrahim in Lodge "Islam".

Rt. Wor. Bro. Harry Royal Deputy Grand Master, A.S.F.I., complimented the newly installed Master and wished him prosperity in his regime. The newly installed Master is a well-known businessman in Bombay and China.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Dawoodi after his installation invested the following brethren as office bearers for the ensuing year:—Senior Warden: Wor. Bro. Mohanbhai B. Manlar, Junior Warden: Wor. Bro. J. Macwan, Secretary: Bro. A. E. Maskati, Treasurer: Rt. Wor. Bro. Rao Bahadur R. B. Patel, C.I.E., Senior Deacon: Bro. S. F. Tyebji, Junior Deacon: Bro. Anandrai Mehta, and Inner Guard: Bro. Harianiwala.

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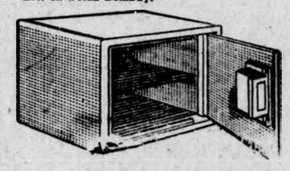

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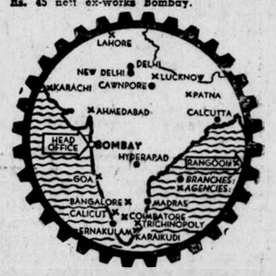

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CONGRESS AND NON-VIOLENCE

The Anglo-Indian press is getting some undeserved publicity by misrepresenting Gandhiji's policy of non-violence and eliciting from him or his secretary statements explaining that policy more clearly and fully. But we see that the Anglo-Indian press is either incapable of appreciating the policy or is wilfully misrepresenting it. The statements by Gandhiji and Mr. Mahadev Desai in reply respectively to the *Times of India* and the *Statesman* will not, we fear, exert the desired wholesome influence on the papers concerned. But some of the points raised therein, particularly in Gandhiji's statement, are of interests to those who are anxious primarily about India's freedom with, if possible, an immediate settlement with Britain. As regards the Anglo-Indian papers' ridiculing the policy of non-violence, let them suggest how best a subject people can deal with those who rule over them.

Allow Freedom Of Speech

It is true that as things are non-violence has its limitations, so far at any rate as immediate tangible gains are desired. Congressmen themselves are divided on this point, but they are all anxious that the fullest possible chance should be given to non-violence and that its use should be extended as fast as a sufficiently large number of persons are fitted for the sacrifice it involves. They realise that in this way much sacrifice will be apparently vain, that is, will fail to yield immediate tangible results. But they are convinced that the sacrifice in this case will be incomparably less than when wanton destruction of men and property calls forth more wanton destruction, defensive or offensive, and thus establishes a terrible vicious circle, through which non-violence alone can break. It is, therefore, essential that the fullest scope should be given for the popularising of the policy of non-violence. But freedom of speech should not be confined to the preaching of non-violence. As Gandhiji says, "there should be unfettered liberty provided that it is not inconsistent with non-violence". Given such liberty, he offers to call off Satyagraha and he feels that for the present Congress, too, "will be satisfied with the fullest freedom to grow in non-violence". Whether or not Congress will be satisfied with mere freedom of speech even, for the present, it is certainly in the interests of Government to concede it. They stand to gain more than they lose, if they lose anything at all by doing so. Freedom of speech with regard to participation in war is granted in South Africa, without any bad results. In several parts of India many who publicly offer anti-war Satyagraha are left unarrested. We thoroughly appreciate the wisdom and expediency of this attitude. We only wish Government could go further and consistently allow freedom of speech to all. The calling off of civil disobedience will be a great advantage to them. So will be at least the partial placating of a body like the Congress without prejudice to the claims of any other political body. Gandhiji can be trusted to see that the privilege of free speech is not abused. Moreover, anti-war propaganda can be met with counter-propaganda by Government whose resources in this respect are practically unlimited. In any case no anti-war propaganda can be so effective as are the present daily arrests in hindering war effort.

Partial Settlement Better Than None

We admit that a partial settlement on the issue of freedom of speech may not necessarily lead to the immediate wider settlement that is desired by all. Certain sentences in Gandhiji's statement indicate fresh difficulties in the way of a complete settlement just at present. He says: "The Poona resolution has lapsed. And in so far as I am concerned, it remains lapsed so long as the war lasts. I believe that there can be no settlement with the Congress, short of complete independence during the pendency of the war, for the simple reason that the Congress cannot commit itself to active help in war with men and money. That would mean a reversal of the policy of non-violence which the Congress has pursued for the last twenty years." It can doubtless be legitimately argued that the Congress policy of non-violence in the attainment of Swaraj does not necessarily preclude war effort against foreign aggression and that such effort is now precluded not by the Congress creed or its traditional policy but by the lapse of the Poona offer. But the fact is there that Gandhiji's present attitude makes an immediate settlement with the Congress difficult. For this Government must thank themselves, and every passing week makes a complete settlement more and more difficult. But many feel that to-day at least a settlement is not impossible. It can be facilitated by Government's conceding the right of free speech and thereby ensuring the withdrawal of Satyagraha. Gandhiji is so keen on this point that when he wins it, he may be persuaded to make several concessions on other points. In any case, as things are, even a partial settlement is better than none. And the one cannot but facilitate the other.

Pressure On Yugoslavia

After the occupation of Rumania and the penetration of Bulgaria, Hitler has launched his offensive against Yugoslavia. It is essential for the success of his spring campaign that not only should the Balkan bloc remain neutral but that, if possible, it should also be behind his back. The Fuehrer, therefore, is determinedly wooing the Yugoslav ministers, who have just returned from a visit to Berlin, and is offering them a number of blandishments, as usual, at the cost of other nations. It is most amusing to find, in this connection, that most of the proffered territorial booty comes from Albania—which means Italy! So far the Yugoslavian ministers have refused to walk into the Nazi parlour though they are naturally treading cautiously. Their anxiety not to anger the Fuehrer is understandable in view of the fact that their country is being surrounded on all sides by the Nazi legions. At the same time it is not likely that they will agree to become mere satellites in the orbit of Hitler. Much will depend upon the attitude of the Soviet with which Yugoslavia has racial ties. Whether that attitude becomes less incomprehensible after the speech Stalin is scheduled to make on the 25th instant remains to be seen. No major diplomatic move may be, therefore, expected for the next eight days and Wilhelmstrasse is merely marking time by emphasizing once again the traditional friendship between Germany and Yugoslavia.

Scarcity Of Rice

Business circles have expressed a fear that the available supplies of rice in India are very limited and that unless suitable measures are promptly taken, there will be a serious shortage of this foodstuff. It is pointed out in this connection that the crops in Bengal have again failed and they are nearly 40 lacs of tons short of the normal and that the crops in other parts of India cannot cover the shortage. It appears, therefore, necessary that prompt imports from Burma should be ensured. And this can be done only if Government, who have requisitioned most ships for war purposes, release a few of them for the necessary imports. Scarcity of an important food stuff is as serious a danger as any in war, and Government should take prompt measures to avert it. As the Bombay Rice Merchant' Association points out, imports of food-stuffs are considered as a war measure even in the United Kingdom and should be so regarded in India also.

Indian Historical Research

By: FERISHTA

The statements contained in paragraphs published in the columns of this journal of the 2nd instant and entitled 'Documents Relating Goan History' can only be characterized as extremely inaccurate, misleading and unfair and call for contradiction in the interests of both Goan history and truth as established by clear and irrefutable documentary evidence.

The claim advanced in behalf of Mr. Avertano Fernandes, assistant professor of economics in St. Xavier's College and Secretary of the Goa Government's "Goan Emigrants' Fund Committee", must be challenged inasmuch as the distinction and honour of publishing the most authoritative, original and historically valuable facts regarding important personalities of Goan Indian extraction who played any part in public life belong to the late Menezes Braganza of Chandor.

Menezes Braganza first published the most authentic and detailed account of the career of Bernardo Peres da Silva in 1935 and this great Goan writer must remain unique perhaps with the exception of his predecessor, Anthony da Noronha, as the single Goan intellectual who reclaimed from ignorance, obscurity, sectarian bigotry and neglect the authoritative history of Goa. It is, no doubt, a misfortune of Goa and the Goan people that his writing should have been done mainly in the Portuguese language and that people outside the Portuguese-speaking countries and populations should have been denied complete access to the work of a man who combined in his literary and intellectual personality the finest elements of extensive scholarship, great culture and creative and critical faculties.

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At the same time, Menezes Braganza who knew all important European languages and had throughout his life maintained the closest contact with thought and culture throughout the civilized world, had brought into his work all the elements of a great intellect and the highest culture. These elements are discernible in the historical research that he carried on with such remarkable success and fruitful results.

Anthony de Noronha was the first Goan Indian who raised his voice in the Portuguese Parliament in behalf of his suppressed people and courageously served historical truth. He lived to see the late Lokmanya Tilak's message of nationalism proclaimed throughout the country and cherished the deepest admiration for the Maratha patriot's inspiring personality and work. It is really a sad as well as eloquent commentary that the Goan people should not be as familiar with the work of this great Goan as they should be.

Menezes Braganza continued the noble tradition and his achievement in the wider field has received an adequate measure of appreciation, admiration and gratitude naturally enough as a result of the difference of the social and political background and the progress in political and national consciousness that the people of Goa would appear to have imbibed from their brethern in British India.

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That Menezes Braganza had been able to publish the first and true history of Goa has been due mainly to a happy combination of circumstances. During the years he worked, he had been placed in a position of great influence and power and he simply dominated the intellectual and political scene till the time Portuguese republicanism was swamped by the clerical and anti-republican forces in Europe. The leading politician and publicist as well as a writer acknowledged for his greatness and strange power in the Portuguese-speaking world, he had had opportunities offered to him which he fully utilized with the result that the historical research carried on by him could have been possible for one who had had access to the most inaccessible sources of authentic historical material. Till his death he retained this power and this influence and his political enemies who were not lost to the demands of recognition such as he compelled of his intellectual greatness and integrity continued to respect him.

In the world of intellect and culture, he remains unique as a man in whom the flame of truth burnt so strongly. The history in effect that he wrote was inspired by the passion for truth without which history must deteriorate into a grotesque mockery as it has actually become when its incentive emanates from sectarian or ideological conceptions and bias. Not a little of the so-called history of Goa is composed of lies and half-truths and Menezes Braganza had had no difficulty in subjecting it to the iconoclasm of his great intellect, erudition and scholarship to which he had dedicated himself with such rare devotion.

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The material for research available in the Record Office of the Government of Bombay cannot be described as either adequate or satisfactory. The important records have long been moved to the India Office and all available, important material of any historical value has also been fully utilized. The recent publication of the "Poona Daftar" and records of the Alienation Office in Poona has practically exhausted all possibilities of any further research and when we compare the work of specialists like Rao Bahadur Sardesai and young and talented men like Mr. V. G. Dighe and men of the Bharat Itihas Shodhak Mandal, whose contribution to Maratha history and the treatment to which available material is being subjected with the efforts of men like Father Gense and Messrs. Varde, Walavalker, Fernandes and others, the difference struck is precisely difference between historical truth and propaganda.

Certain definite qualities are required for successfully carrying on any research work. The first of these is complete freedom from any preconceived ideas, bias or influence that does not belong to the realm of unfettered intellect and thought. Technical competence acquired through thorough knowledge of history as well as the historical sense developed through study of all available historical knowledge is as essential.

Merely to reproduce extracts from the moth-eaten (and now photo-filmed) compilations of official records without subjecting them to critical analysis or checking them by available relevant material gathered by other workers and in effect drawing from this activity conclusions that would stand the onslaught of the severest criticism of historical students cannot by any definition be described as 'historical research'. The historical material, like all raw material processed in technical or industrial production, has to be competently graded and subjected to a complex elaborate process such as the trained technician employs. In other words, it is not the material in itself such as the clerks of the Record Office can certainly more competently sift, but the use of this material that is important.

That raises also the question of limitations imposed on the reliability and intrinsic value, historically speaking, of the material stored in fireproof godowns by the Government of Bombay. The administrators and bureaucrats 'on record' say so far as this first Goan Indian Governor' is concerned cannot be accepted as chroniclers of historical truth. Their special point of view based on policy of the escapades of this adventurous Goan gentleman

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Mr. Indravadan N. Mehta

By: A JUNIOR ADVOCATE

Mr. Indravadan N. Mehta, who is due to retire after a long and distinguished career as a magistrate and who, in the last phase of his career, worked as the Chief Presidency Magistrate, is one of those judicial officers who have won admiration for their objective outlook and unbiassed dispensation of justice from the criminal bench.

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Mr. Mehta had a short but successful career at the High Court Bar. His ability and painstaking and studious habits at the Bar were at once noticed by the High Court judges and paved for him the way to elevation to the bench in criminal courts. Within five or six years of his practice at the Bar he made a mark for himself by thoroughness in studying his briefs and applying law to given facts.

After assuming the duties of a Presidency Magistrate, Mr. Mehta soon began to exhibit ability and thoroughness in trying complicated cases and dispensing justice without bringing in his personal opinions and beliefs. Flippancy, shallowness and unpreparedness were always disliked by Mr. Mehta from the very beginning of his career as a magistrate, and he never minced matters or failed to pass strictures whenever he happened to notice these short-comings in advocates and police officers, senior or junior.

Mr. Mehta had the longest term of office at Girgaon Court and it was there that he had opportunities to display to the fullest extent his legal acumen, and establish his reputation as a strict and stern officer of law, always frank and straight-forward in his dealings with litigants and lawyers, unfailingly fair in his treatment of seniors and juniors and impartial in the performance of his duties. Even the police officers who put up cases before him always dreaded him, lest he should take them to task for unpreparedness or negligence in serious cases or even for an exhibition of excessive enthusiasm in weak, untenable and worthless cases.

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The one great merit of Mr. Mehta was that he was unerringly scrupulous in taking relevant evidence on record and never lapsed into side-issues or rambling discussions. Being a student of psychology and human nature, the administration of justice was as much safe in his hands as the interests of the accused persons. He never tolerated underhand methods on the part of the police. His independence of judgment and his judicious dislike for underhand methods were experienced by the public, the police and the members of the bar, especially when he was working as a special magistrate for trying gambling cases. Every police officer, every advocate, and every litigant knew that Mr. Mehta was a strict disciplinarian and a firm believer in clean methods of work.

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As the Chief Presidency Magistrate, Mr. Mehta sat on the bench for about two years only. During this short tenure of office, he had to pass through difficult times, especially as there were changes in the Government and consequent changes and rechanges of administrative policy. But even in these difficult times, Mr. Mehta administered justice and performed other administrative duties without fear or favour and with an open and unbiased mind. His broad outlook and independence of spirit always remained unflinching. Political or executive considerations never weighed with him. His judgments and orders in ordinary as well as political cases, although they strictly conformed to the requirements of law, were always tempered with mercy, practical wisdom, and a sense of proportion.

Mr. Mehta's notion of administration of law and dispensation of justice, and his methods of trying cases, were such that even the undefended accused's interests never suffered in trials before him. On the other hand, so many accused persons felt reassured in Mr. Mehta's Court that they would get proper justice at his hands even without the help of advocates. Mr. Mehta always saw that documents tendered in evidence were thoroughly perused and understood by the Court as well as by the parties concerned and then admitted in evidence. The result of this scrupulous adherence to the beneficent practice of reading and getting read

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Frankly Speaking

A Belated Blitz

Rhodes and the other Dodecanese Islands are receiving an intensive air "blitz" for the last few days. The reason is obvious. With Hitler's Southwards thrust expected any minute, it is essential for Britain, Greece as well as Turkey that this strategical group of islands should not be allowed to be converted into a base for the Luftwaffe. It was earlier believed that cut off entirely as they are from Italy, those islands could be starved into surrender. This may be true but now time is of paramount importance and hence the R.A.F. is delivering a sustained though belated attack on those targets. The earlier they are occupied by the Allies, the better it will be for the security of Turkey.

On The Alert

Whether Japan is merely indulging in a war of nerves or is preparing for a synchronizing offensive with her Axis partners, Britain is obviously taking no risks. While authoritative advices from London indicate that there is no immediate expectation of a showdown, preparations are being quietly made to meet all eventualities. British women were evacuated long ago from Hong-Kong and now a similar step is being taken in Thailand, too, which is not surprising considering that Thailand has practically become a stooge of Japan. But more significant and decisive than all this is the fact that the eastern entrance to the Straits of Singapore is being mined. With the concentration of Japanese forces all over the Southern Pacific, Britain, too, is rightly determined not to be caught unaware. New Zealand and Australia, too, are on the alert. All this is bound to give considerable food for thought to Tokyo.

No Sanctions

One does not know how precisely the Hindu League differs from the Hindu Mahasabha. Probably it stands for unconditional co-operation with Government in war effort, while the Mahasabha has not only laid down conditions for its support but has also recently threatened to start direct action if its minimum demands are not conceded by the 31st of March. The Hindu League's Working Committee has just adopted several resolutions calling upon Government to do many things for the people in order to rouse them into an intensive effort. For instance, the Committee states: "The creation of a completely Indianised Central Government during the period of the war, coupled with an announcement of Government's resolve to maintain the political unity of India as one undivided nation and to establish full responsible Government of Dominion type at the end of the war, besides serving as a solvent of the Hindu-Muslim problem and the political deadlock, will give the impetus needed to the people to make a supreme national effort for the defeat of the Authoritarian Powers and the success of the Democracy in the civilized world." These and several other suggestions made by the League are quite good so far as they go. Only, one fails to find anywhere any sanction behind them.

"Willing"

Perhaps all other suggestions are a mere prelude to the one urging Government "to take an initiative by inviting leading public men who are willing to co-operate with them in their war efforts to assume the responsibility for the Administration of the Central Government and proceed forthwith with the formation of an expanded Council consisting purely of non-official Indians representing important elements in the national life of the country and place at least one of them in charge of the Defence Department." That the Hindu League is "willing" is obvious. But we do not think Government will oblige it. The right place for Mr. Aney, the President of the League, is in the Congress.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

More often than not the inside tip fails to win out.

When a tall man finds himself short he naturally is embarrassed.

It isn't what your grandfather was but what you are that really counts.

Unless you have confidence in humanity you are a suspicious character.

A fortune awaits the inventor of a lifeboat that will float on a sea of trouble.

It matters not if you are ignorant, for you will meet people daily who know it all.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT.

"It is with great regret that, I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign my seat in the Bombay Legislative Assembly. This decision has been forced upon me for some time past. The feeling has been growing in my mind, and has now in fact taken a form of a firm conviction, that I cannot subscribe to the present policy of the League. I do not wish to say anything more on the subject, as I would like to avoid any acrimonious correspondence".

—From Mr. M. S. Mitha's letter to Mr. M. A. Jinnah.

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Bulgaria In True Colours.

In Nazi colours!

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Calculations by experts in an observatory have revealed the length of the comet's tail to be approximately three million miles.

The correspondent who had reported it to be two yards long regrets the slight error.

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Hitler has a nice way of doing business. He is offering to Yugoslavia territory that belongs to the Albanians, is claimed by his Axis partner and is at the moment actually in possession of the conquering Greeks.

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Now that the straits of Singapore have been mined, says our pet Bore, who is by way of being an amateur strategist, the situation in the Balkans is bound to become more acute. The only thing holding the Japanese in check, he further observes, is the Italian military debacle on the Lake Ochrida.

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Deep British Thrust Into Somaliland.

BIG SLICE CAPTURED.

—Headlines.

The same brilliant strategy you will observe when our neighbour's child comes to attack our cake.

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Re: PARACHUTES.

They are also useful for social climbers when they are unceremoniously thrown down from high places.

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And then there is the incorrigible cynic who stoutly maintains that the comet is a fabrication of the journalist's imagination.

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A peasant, 116 years old, who had never been ill in his life has died in Rumania—probably of shock when he heard of the coming of Hitler!

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The new boy walked into the Head's room without knocking. The Head thought he would teach him a lesson in politeness.

"Thompson," he said, tactfully, "do you think I would walk into your father's house without knocking?"

"Yessir."

"Oh, indeed; how is that?"

"He keeps the 'George and Dragon,' sir."

Sugarcane Research Station

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—In your issue of the 14th January, 1941, you published a letter written by a correspondent calling himself "Research" which endeavours to belittle the scientific work done in connection with the improvement of cane cultivation in the Bombay Deccan at the Sugarcane Research Station, Padegaon. In particular, your correspondent indicates that the results of the work at this station have been of little utility or value to the important sugar factories growing their own cane in the Deccan Canal tracts. It may interest your readers to hear that the Secretary of the Deccan Sugar Factories' Association in a recent letter to Government referred to the possibility of the Padegaon station being closed down in May 1942 and made an urgent representation on behalf of his Association that steps should be taken to ensure the continuance of the station and the extension of scientific work in progress there. To quote from this letter, the Secretary of the Association writes: "This station has done much valuable work and its retention will be helpful to the Sugar industry in the Deccan ....." and expresses the hope that the "Government of Bombay will do all they can to retain the station in the interest of the industry of this Province." If "Research" will divest himself of his anonymity, I will be glad to arrange to have him shown the working of the station of first hand when, I am sure, he will agree with the views expressed by the members of the Deccan Sugar Factories Association.—Yours, etc.

W. J. JENKINS.

Poona.

R. A. F. Bomb Brindisi Aerodrome

No Italians In Egypt, Sudan Or Kenya, Except Prisoners

R.A.F. bombers made a successful raid on the Brindisi aerodrome on Saturday night, and a number of fires were started.

Considerable British mechanized forces attacked with "great violence" the Jarabub oasis in Libya, 150 miles south of Tobruk, on Wednesday and Friday, according to an Italian High Command communique.

ATHENS, Feb. 17.

R.A.F. bombers made a highly successful raid on the Brindisi aerodrome on Saturday night, despite intense anti-aircraft fire, according to a 'communique' issued to-day (Monday), by the headquarters of the British forces in Greece. Bombs were seen to burst on hangars and administrative buildings, and a number of fires were started.

One particularly large explosion occurred on the main land opposite the Lazaretto Island.

On Sunday, other bomber formations escorted by fighters again made concentrated attacks on enemy positions in the Buzi area, north of Tepelini in Albania. Direct hits were made on gun positions and military buildings at Buzi. Bombs burst at Laviza between a large tented camp and a motor transport concentration, and enemy troops and vehicles were machine-gunned from low level. One of Sunday's most successful operations was a severe attack on retreating enemy columns and motor transport on the Klisura-Berati road. One enemy bomber was damaged in a short engagement.

Axis Aircraft Bomb Civilians At Benghazi

LONDON.—A British Communique issued in London to-day (Monday), states that at Benghazi where neither the town nor the inhabitants have been harmed by the British occupation, Axis aircraft have bombed civilian quarters indiscriminately, killing many persons.

Move Towards Gondar

CAIRO, Feb. 17.

No Italians remain on the soil of Egypt, Sudan or Kenya, except as prisoners, according to a G. H. Q. Official Communique.

Our movement towards Gondar has been resumed. In the area east of Lake Rudolf, our troops continue their penetration.

Italian Somaliland:—"Enemy forces have now been driven back to the line of the Juba River. Meanwhile, quantities of guns and war materials of all kinds taken with the capture of Kismayu are being checked."

S. A. Air Force Active

NAIROBI, Feb. 17.

The South African Air Force has been very active during the last few days, according to a 'communique'. A very heavy dive bombing attack was made at Gebib on the east bank of the Juba River. An enemy mechanical transport was located, and direct hits by bombs were registered.

On February 15, another South African Air Force squadron bombed enemy mechanical transport near El Aod, twenty miles north of Mega (Abyssinia).—Reuter

Defeat Hitler In Europe

Easier Task For United States, Says Senator Barkley

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17

If Germany won the war the United States would face not only a hostile Germany but a hostile world declared Senator Barkley Democrat leader, opening the Senate debate on the Lease and Lend Bill today. The Bill has already passed the House of Representatives.

Senator Barkley quoted the statements made by Hitler and his lieutenants to demonstrate that one of the motives in the present war was economic Domination of the world "can we doubt that economic domination will be followed by political intrigue and infiltration."

He said: "If Hitler wins, he will control all Europe and if Mussolini survives he (Hitler) will through him or over him control all Africa." This was a war seeking to impose economic, religious, political and intellectual bondage, he said, adding in ringing tones "There is but one way to stop the conqueror, that is, to defeat him. If the United States does not help Britain to defeat Hitler in Europe, we shall one day have to surrender to him or defeat him over here."—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT CONFERS WITH HOPKINS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.

President Roosevelt and Mr. Harry Hopkins who has just returned to America after spending a month in England as the President's Special Envoy conferred during dinner at Whitehouse last night.

The President will have the benefit of the information which Mr. Hopkins has been able to impart when he confers with Congressional leaders on Monday morning prior to the opening of the debate in the Senate on the Aid to Britain Bill.—Reuter.

It is learned that Mr. Mohamed Ali Jinnah will leave Delhi for Lahore on February 28 and return to Delhi either on March 3 or 4.

DEMOLITION OF RAILWAY LINE

Bengal M.L.C.'s Telegram To Member-in-Charge Of Railways

CALCUTTA, Feb. 17.

On receipt of unofficial information in Calcutta, that the Standing Finance Committee has recommended the abolition of the Kulukhali-Phatiapara section of the E. B. Railway, Mr. Humayun Kabir, M.L.C., President of the Line Protection Committee, has sent a telegram to the Member-in-Charge of Railways, conveying to him the "intense public feeling" about this proposal and urging him to reconsider the decision.

Mr. H. Kabir in his telegram added that the people in the locality were prepared even to offer "non-violent Satyagraha" to prevent the demolition of the line.—A. P.

R.A.F. ACTIVE OVER SICILY

CAIRO, Feb. 17.

Lairs of dive-bombers in Sicily were attacked by the R.A.F. during the week-end. At Cosimo, bombs fell on dispersed aircraft causing explosions and fires. The aerodrome at Gela was also attacked successfully and aircraft on their return journey from this raid machine-gunned a beacon station at Cape Passero.

R.A.F. Active Over Occupied Territory

LONDON, Feb. 17.

During daylight yesterday (Sunday) aircraft of the Bomber Command operating singly attacked a number of objectives in enemy occupied territory states to-day's (Monday) Air Ministry Communique. At Hellevoetsluis, a small town, 15 miles south of the Hook of Holland bombs were seen to hit the quay and a vessel moored alongside. Shipping off the Dutch coast and targets at Zeebrugge, Middleburg and Denhelder were also bombed. On Saturday night, the bomber command aircraft dropped leaflets in Katowice and Cracow areas in Poland.—Reuter.

R. A. F. Planes Sink Axis Ship

LONDON, Feb. 17.

A brilliant non-stop flight of eighteen hundred miles a war time record for operational activities—has been made from Britain to Cracow and back. The Mediterranean naval forces are on the alert; a 7,000 ton enemy merchant vessel has been sunk by reconnaissance aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm off the coast of Tunis.—Reuter.

Enemy Bombers Cause Little Damage

LONDON, Feb. 17.

Only a small number of German aircraft crossed Britain's coasts during daylight to-day, and none of these came very far inland, according to an Air Ministry Communique.

A few bombs were dropped in East and South-East England and North Scotland, causing little damage and a small number of casualties. An enemy bomber was shot down into sea off the Norfolk coast in the afternoon.—Reuter.

620 Lascars Killed In Enemy Action

NEW DELHI Feb. 17.

During question hour in the Central Assembly Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar stated that the reports received up to January 31 shew that 620 lascars had been killed as a result of enemy action. Their dependents were entitled to receive compensation in accordance with the scale embodied in the lascar, articles of agreement.—United Press.

LULL IN WAR OF NERVES IN FAR EAST

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Germany who by her actions has rendered blockade absolutely necessary, and it is realised in the Netherlands East Indies that Germany would grab every morsel of food, should Britain allow supplies to reach Holland."—Reuter.

Pacific Situation Not Alarming To Australia

SYDNEY, Feb. 16.

"Although the situation is grave I see nothing that need alarm or even seriously disturb a resolute people." This statement was made in a broadcast by the Attorney-General and the Navy Minister, Mr. W. M. Hughes, to-day.

Mr. Hughes said that the joint statement by the acting Prime Minister and the Opposition Leader last week seriously disturbed the Australian people and may even have made them a little nervy.

Mr. Hughes added: "This will pass."—Reuter.

Will Japan Stage Another "Fait Accompli"?

CHUNGKING, Feb. 17.

Well-informed quarters here express the opinion that Japan is not likely to make a sensational move like an attack on Singapore or the Netherlands East Indies, which would bring Japan into war with Britain and the United States but would move gradually so that in time Japan would be able to confront the world with another "fait accompli".

The Chinese army organ "Sao Tang Pao" believes that Japan has not yet completed preparations for a move in the Southern Pacific. The paper states that Japan has so far only concentrated seven divisions at her South Seas bases. Furthermore, it is stated that Japan is still waiting for the completion of arrangements to secure rice and other supplies from Indo-China and Thailand.—Reuter.

When Thai-Indo-China Truce Expires

BANGKOK, Feb. 17

The Thailand Government has been informed by the Japanese Foreign Minister Mr. Matsuoka that the extension of the Thailand-French Indo-China Truce ends at 10-00 (Bangkok time) on February 25.

The Armistice which commenced on January 31 was extended for a fortnight from February 11.—Reuter.

Sind Assembly Congress Party

KARACHI, Feb. 17

A meeting of the Congress Party in the Sind Legislative Assembly will be held on February 24 to decide the Party's attitude towards the Ministry in the event of the Ministry's failure to carry out the terms of the Azad Pact.—United Press.

"Greatest Infringement Of Patent Rights"

LONDON, Feb. 17

"The greatest infringement of patent rights in history" is how the Nazi organ "Voelkischer Beobachter" describes the landing of British parachute troops, says the Official German News Agency. But whose patent—whether Soviet Russia's or Germany's—is not mentioned.

"It cannot have been difficult to find volunteers for such an attempt for daring and resolute men have never been lacking in Britain," the newspaper adds.—Reuter.

EX-KING ALFONSO PASSES QUIET DAY

ROME, Feb. 17.

A bulletin issued this evening states that ex-King Alfonso's condition has not worsened during the past 24 hours and he passed a fairly quiet day.—Reuter.

State Railways Yield Four Crores Surplus

Bumper Returns Through Goods Traffic Stimulated By War

INCREASED PURCHASES IN INDIA: GLIMPSES INTO BOARD'S REPORT

The State-owned Railways yielded a net surplus of Rs. 4,33,00,000, after meeting all charges including depreciation and interest, in the year 1939-40, according to the Annual Report on Indian Railways just issued by the Railway Board.

This entire sum, which was Rs. 39,00,000 less than the full contribution due from the Railways for the year, was placed to the credit of General Revenues of the Central Government.

War Boom

The increase in railway revenues, which was mostly under goods traffic, was due largely to conditions created by the War and, to a small extent, to the increased rates and fares introduced from March 1, 1940.

The gross traffic receipts of State-owned Railways amounted to Rs. 97,65,00,000 as against Rs. 94,48,00,000 in 1938-39. Despite an increase of Rs. 75,00,000 in ordinary working expenses the operating ratio dropped from 53.1 per cent in the preceding year to 52.00 per cent.

LESS EARNINGS FROM PASSENGERS.

The earnings from passengers carried on all Railways decreased from Rs. 30,73,00,000 to 30,47,00,000. The number of passengers was slightly less in than in the previous year, 529,700,000 as against 530,600,000 in 1938-39.

COUNTER BALANCED BY GOODS TRAFFIC.

This defect in passenger traffic was, however, more than counterbalanced by heavy increases in the goods traffic. The total freight tons carried increased from 88,400,000 to 92,200,000. The net ton miles, similarly, rose from 22,159,000,000 in the previous year to 23,493,000,000, and the average haul likewise rose from 250.8 miles to 254.9.

Goods earnings rose from Rs. 68,57,00,000 to Rs. 72,56,00,000. Earnings from coal, rice and iron and steel (wrought) were the highest for the decade.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

At the end of March 1940, the total capital at charge on all railways, including those under construction, amounted to Rs. 852,59,00,000 of which Rs. 758,62,00,000 was capital at charge on State-owned Railways inclusive of premia paid in the purchase of Companies' lines. The remainder, Rs. 93,97,00,000, represented capital raised by Indian States, Companies and District Boards.

By far the greater portion of the capital on State-owned lines, namely Rs. 7,29,72,00,000, is Government capital, and only one-twenty-fifth, or Rs. 28,89,00,000 is owned by Companies. These figures include Rs. 33,82,00,000 on account of capital expenditure to the end of March 1940 on strategic lines.

INCREASED PURCHASES IN INDIA.

In the purchase of stores, the policy of giving preference to indigenous goods was continued with greater effect. Of the total stores purchased on State-managed Railways, the percentage value of indigenous stores increased from 63.46 in 1938-39 to 66.86. Orders amounting to 87,360 tons of rails and fish plates were placed with Tata's: timber purchases, for carriage and wagon bodies, amounted to Rs. 39,04,000; and orders for wooden sleepers, obtained either locally or from Burma, reached a total value of Rs. 1,20,00,000.

STEPS TO IMPROVE REVENUES.

Various measures were adopted to improve earnings. Railways continued to quote, whenever necessary, special rates and fares to meet the peculiar requirements of certain traffic. Third-class zone season tickets, circular tour tickets and cheap return journey tickets were among the facilities offered to encourage passenger traffic. Reduced rates were quoted for fresh fruits and vegetables. The Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway, for instance, quoted special wagon rates by passenger trains for mangoes grown in that area.

INCREASED PASSENGER FARES.

Owing partly to general financial exigencies, which made it necessary for the Railways to meet their full obligations to the general revenues, and partly to anticipations of a rise in working costs, Government decided to levy, from March 1, 1940, increased charges at the rate of one anna per rupee on passenger fares exceeding one rupee, and two annas per rupee on all other traffic. Food grains, fodder, manures and certain other commodities were exempted from the increase.

Germany Warns Turkey

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and Bulgarian Governments have decided to initiate a new exchange of views in the light of events and have reached an agreement on the following points without prejudice to their contracted agreements with regard to other countries.

Firstly, Turkey and Bulgaria consider it an unchanging basis of their foreign policy to abstain from any aggression.

Secondly, the two Governments are inspired by most friendly intentions towards each other and are determined to maintain and develop their confidence still further in good neighbourly relations.

Thirdly, the two Governments declare themselves ready to seek appropriate means to develop trade relations between the two countries to the greatest extent compatible with their economic structure.

Fourthly, the two Governments express the hope that the press of their two countries will be inspired in its writings by mutual friendship and confidence, which to-day has been newly affirmed in this declaration."—Reuter.

Germany Warns Turkey

A warning to Turkey that she is "no longer master of the Balkans as she was 30 years ago," was given in authoritative German circles, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."

The same circles stress that Germany's relations with Greece are still unchanged.

The correspondent adds that the Wilhelmstrasse is still most reserved concerning the present German-Yugoslav conversations but the traditional friendship between the two countries is emphasised.

Danger Zone In Black Sea

A Warning that Rumanian territorial waters about 15 miles north and the same distance south of the Black Sea Port of Constanza have been declared a zone dangerous for shipping, was broadcast by the Bucharest radio on Sunday night.

Beacons and lighthouses, it states, will be extinguished at night and ships entering the danger zone without complying with the instructions of the naval authorities will do so at their peril.

The danger zone was stated to comprise the waters between Ruzla and Midiam.

Anti-Jewish Drive In Rumania

Fresh restrictions on Jews in Rumania were officially announced in Bucharest to-day, says a dispatch from the Rumanian Capital.

All Jews in the civil service and the army have been dismissed and the names of most Jewish doctors and lawyers have been removed from the registers. Special organisations with restricted rights have been established for the remaining few. Jewish participation in trade has been further restricted. Licences granted to Jews for opening restaurants and cinemas have been cancelled and all Jews are banned from sports organisations.—Reuter.

Devastating Conflagration Around Spanish Harbour

Fire Fighters From Different Cities Rushing To Spot: 200 Buildings Reported Ablaze

MADRID, February 17.

A huge conflagration broke out around Santander harbour early this morning. Upwards of 200 buildings are ablaze.

The first news of the fire was brought to Madrid by motor cyclists carrying appeals from the Civil Governor of the city for help and supplies. All fire brigades from Madrid, Valencia, Vallodolid, Burgos San Sebastian and Bilbao were immediately dispatched to Santander.

A large quantity of supplies and a detachment of the Army and police were sent to the burning city from Burgos. At the height of the blaze communications with Santander were cut and it is difficult to get the latest details about the casualties.

It is known, however, that one person has been killed and several injured. It is believed that the fire was caused by a burning tanker.—Reuter.

Teargas Test At Brighton

LONDON, Feb. 17

People who neglected the warning to carry gasmasks "wept like anything" on the south coast at the seaside resort of Brighton this morning. Perambulating loudspeakers in the past two days warned the residents to don mask when a gas alert sounded and this morning teargas in a mild form was liberated simultaneously with the experimental alert.

The test was described as completely satisfactory, the police pedestrians and workers—indoor and outdoor—continued normal activities in their masks.—Reuter

"Southampton" Casualties

LONDON, Feb. 17.

The Admiralty announces that 32 officers and men lost their lives in the cruiser "Southampton" after she had been set on fire in the Mediterranean.—Reuter.

Mysore Congress Scores In Elections

Hundred And One Returned To Lower And Sixteen To Upper House: Legality Of Rejected Nominations To Be Contested

BANGALORE, Feb. 17.

One hundred and one Congress candidates have been returned to the Mysore Representative Assembly, according to the results of the elections which were announced to-day.

The Assembly consists of 298 members.

The Mysore State Congress put up 232 candidates but the nominations of 72 were rejected, leaving 160 candidates. Fifteen of them were returned unopposed.

IN COUNCIL

Out of the 44 seats open for election in the Mysore Legislative Council, the State Congress has captured sixteen. The Congress put up thirty candidates but the nomination papers of ten of them were rejected after scruiny. Six were returned unopposed.

The Working Committee of the State Congress has advised all Congress candidates whose nominations have been rejected to file election petitions and to contest the legality of the rejections.—A. P.

Nazis Dismiss Dutch Editor

Dr. Colijn Who Was Ex-Premier Of Holland

LONDON, Feb. 17.

Dr. Hendric Colijn, the 71 years old former Dutch Prime Minister has been dismissed by the Germans from his post as Editor of the Conservative newspaper "De Standard", it is learned in London. Dr. Colijn, say the Germans, "will not adapt himself to the new conditions."

Dr. Colijn has been associated with the paper—one of the most influential in Holland—for over twenty years and had acted as the editor since his retirement from the Cabinet. He has long been at loggerheads with the Nazis and the "Standard" was the first paper suppressed by the Germans, because of a leading article in which Dr. Colijn attacked the German White Book on Holland and Belgium.—Reuter.

PLANS TO EVACUATE DUBLIN AND KINGSTOWN

DUBLIN, Feb. 17.

Half the population of Dublin and the Port of Kingstown is ready to evacuate into the interior, should need arise. It was estimated that when the registration centres closed on Saturday night over a quarter of a million people had signed.

The Government's scheme covered school children and children under school age of families with incomes not exceeding 300 sterling. Expectant mothers were also included.

People who were outside the Government scheme and would make their own evacuation arrangements were also asked by the Government to register.—Reuter.

Fire Causes Half Lakh Damage

RATNAGIRI, Feb. 17

Damage estimated at over Rs. 50,000 is reported to have been caused in Kumbhad in Khed Taluka as the result of a disastrous fire that broke out in a Maratha hamlet. Ten houses with all their contents and valuable, one cowshed and four stacks of hay are reported to have been completely gutted and one five-month old infant was burnt to death.

As the fire was fanned by a strong breeze, it could not be easily controlled.—A. P.

Hundred Houses Reduced To Ashes

CALCUTTA, Feb. 17

Hundred houses were reduced to ashes at Baguibari Bazar, when a fire originating in one of them spread rapidly, according to a report received from Dhubri. The fire was brought under control after four hours struggle by the villagers.—A. P.

HITLER'S OLD SUPPORTER DEAD

BERLIN, Feb. 17.

Herman Kriebel, who marched at Hitler's side in the Munich beer cellar Putsch in November, 1923, and subsequently shared his fortress prison at Lausdberg for five years, died to-day at the age of 65 according to the official German News Agency. At the time of his death, he held the post of Chief of Staff Department at Wilhelmstrasse. One of Hitler's oldest supporters, he served under Gen. Ludendorff at the German G. H. Q., in the Great War. For several years, Kriebel, who was in 1919 a member of the German Armistice Commission at Spa, was Consul-General at Shanghai.—Reuter.

MR. INDRAVADAN N. MEHTA

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documents was that no party was ever taken by surprise.

Of late the practice of admitting documents in evidence without reading them and of treating private cases with lightness has sprung up in the courts of certain junior magistrates. Haste and an eagerness to dispose of cases seem to be the watchword. To them the career of Mr. Mehta, the thoroughness of his methods and the comprehensiveness of his grasp are an object-lesson for conducting cases and dispensing justice

Mr. Mehta now retires at the age of 55, having had brilliant and enviable magisterial career behind his back as a stepping-stone to the worthier career of public service in future. The wide and varied experience that he gained as a magistrate will no doubt stand him in good stead in whatever walk of life he selects for himself.

Achieve Freedom Without Violence

Mrs. Asaf Ali's Call To Women: Arrests And Convictions In Provinces

SHOUTING ANTI-WAR SLOGAN COMES UNDER TOWN NUISANCE ACT!

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17.

Prior to her arrest, Mrs. Asaf Ali in the course of a message to Delhi Congress workers, appealed to them to carry on the struggle under the guidance of Mahatma Gandhi.

She added: "Freedom cannot be achieved by begging we do not want independence in charity. We have to prove to other nations the worthlessness of violence and how the unarmed people of this country will achieve freedom without violence."—A. P.

Mrs. Asaf Ali Arrested

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17.

Mrs. Asaf Ali was arrested this afternoon under the Defence of India Rules for offering Satyagraha. —A. P.

ANTI-WAR SLOGAN IS "TOWN NUISANCE"

Congressman Jailed At Tiruvarur

TIRUVARUR, Feb. 17.

Mr. G. Sivaramarow, President, Local Congress Satyagraha Committee, who offered Satyagraha this morning by shouting anti-war slogans, was arrested and produced before the Local Second Class Magistrate, who sentenced him to a week's rigorous imprisonment under the Town Nuisance Act.—A. P.

Ahmedabad Pleader Arrested

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 17.

Mr. Nanubhai Biharilal Derasari, pleader, was arrested to-day while offering Satyagraha in the city.

Four other Satyagrahis who were arrested while offering Satyagraha in four different villages of Ahmedabad district were tried and sentenced to-day to six months' simple imprisonment each and were given "C" Class.

Mr. Babubhai Chunilal Choksey was arrested to-day while offering Satyagraha at Ramnager near Sabarmati railway station. —A. P.

SUBURBAN SATYAGRAHIS TOTAL 26

BOMBAY, Monday.

With one more Congressman offering Satyagraha in the Bombay Suburban District to-day, the total number of Satyagrahis in the Suburbs since the beginning of the campaign comes to 26. The list drafted by the Suburban District Congress Committee includes about 50 Satyagrahis 24 of whom have yet to participate in the campaign till the end of March.

Mr. Ramniklal Choksy who offered Satyagraha at Vile Parle at 8-30 a.m., to-day was arrested after he had raised slogans several times. He was taken to Bandra for trial.

Mr. Choksy was placed before the First Class Magistrate, Bandra and sentenced to a day's simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 200, in default, 3 months' simple imprisonment.

The next Satyagrahi from the Suburban area is Mr. C. B. Kora, a member of the Suburban District Congress Committee who is scheduled to offer Satyagraha at Khar at 8 a.m. on Saturday.

Vyas And Nigam Offer Satyagraha To-day

BOMBAY, Monday.

A batch of two Congressmen selected by the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee sent intimation to the Commissioner of Police to-day of their intention to offer Satyagraha in the city to-morrow. The batch includes Mr. Kameshwar G. Vyas, Vice-President of the "C" Ward Congress Committee and Mr. Sunderlal K. Nigam, member of the "A" Ward Congress Committee.

Mr. Vyas proposes to offer Satyagraha at Champa Gate near the Mulji Jetha Market at 11-30 a.m. to-morrow while Mr. Nigam proposes to shout anti-war slogans at Rajwadekar Road, Colaba at 6 p.m.

The next batch is scheduled to offer Satyagraha on Thursday.

Convictions In Mahakoshal

JUBBULPORE, Feb. 17.

Following Congressmen have been convicted for offering Satyagraha in Mahakoshal:—

JUBBULPORE:—Thakur Jagpatisingh Malguzar, Vice-Chairman of the Local Board, Katni, fined Rs. 50. Badriprasad Sihora, fined Rs. 25.

BILASPUR:— Pachkourprasad Malguzar and Rambalisingh, a day's imprisonment and Rs. 150 fine each.

Hazarisingh imprisonment till the rising of the court and Rs. 50 fine.

KHANDWA:—Babulal Tewari six months' rigorous imprisonment.—A. P.

Seven Satyagrahis Convicted

MADRAS, Feb. 17

Seven Satyagrahis who were arrested for shouting anti-war slogans were convicted by the Chief Presidency Magistrate today and sentenced to three months' R. I. each.

They included Mr. Ramachandra Bhatt of south Canara, Mr. P. S. Parthasarathy Chetty, President of the Kotival Bazar Congress Sabha and Mr. R. S. Kumaraswami, Vice-President, Sowrashtra Mahasabha.—A.P.

Released After Recovery Of Fine

MADRAS, February 16

Shrimathi Seethalakshmi Ammal, who was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 250 and to imprisonment till the rising of the court for offering Satyagraha on February 12 was released yesterday evening from the penitentiary. The police recovered the fine yesterday.—A. P.

Satyagraha Plans In Frontier

BANNU, Feb. 16.

Satyagraha in the Frontier Province in its present form is considered ineffective. Proposals are under the consideration of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan to extend Satyagraha and grant permission to the officers of the Red-shirts also to participate in Satyagraha. The names of five Red-shirt officers have been recommended from Bannu. The request of Mr. Khushiram, Secretary of the City Congress Committee, to undertake Satyagraha has not been accepted.

Mchd Jan Khan, Bar-at-Law,

Shrimati Chaturlaxmi Divan, wife of Mr. Jivanlal Divan (President of the Ahmedabad City Congress Committee), who was arrested last week at Ahmedabad under the Defence of India Rules.

member of the A. I. C. C. has returned after seven days' programme in Marwat territory.—A. P.

City Father Jailed

GUJRANWALA, Feb. 17

Sardar Harnam Singh, Municipal Commissioner, Hafizabad, has been sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment and fined Rs. 200 in default three months' further imprisonment under the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

Arrests And Convictions In Punjab

LAHORE, Feb. 17.

Mr. Kedarnath Nayyar, Secretary of the Dharampura Congress Committee, who offered Satyagraha this afternoon, was arrested.

Khalifa Fazal Din, a member of the Lahore District Congress Committee, has been sentenced to two years' R. I. under the Defence of India Rules.

A report from Ludhiana says that Moulvi Abdul Ghani, President of the City Congress Committee, was awarded one year's R.I. Sardar Bachan Singh, a member of the Ludhiana District Board, was arrested under the Defence of India Rules.

Sardar Gopal Singh, senior Vice-President of the Multan Congress Committee, was sentenced to six months R. I., says a report from Multan.

STUDENT SATYAGRAHI

Mr. Jugal Kishore, the first student Satyagrahi from the Punjab, was arrested under the Defence of India Rules at the Bradlaugh Hall this afternoon.

SATYAGRAHA AT 'PINDI SUSPENDED

Satyagraha in Rawalpindi has been suspended for the present, it is understood, under instructions from the president of the Punjab Provincial Congress Committee.

A meeting of the Working Committee of the Punjab P.C.C., will be held at Lahore on February 20.

STUDENTS ARRESTED AND BAILED OUT

Seven persons including the President, the General Secretary and other prominent members of the 'Pindi Students' Union, have been arrested on a charge of rioting in connection with the incident of February 14, when some policemen and members of the public were injured as the result of pelting stones by a mob.

All the arrested persons have been released on bail.

GUJRANWALA:—Sardar Harnam Singh of Hafizabad has been sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment and fined Rs. 200 under the Defence of India Rules. —A. P.

In Bihar, Orissa & Assam

CALCUTTA, Feb. 17.

Persons convicted during the week-end in Orissa and Bihar in connection with the Congress Satyagraha include:—

Mr. Y. Sannayya, President of the Town Congress Committee who was sentenced by the Joint Magistrate of Berhampur (Ganjam) to four months' R. I., and to pay a fine of Rs. 50 in default two months' further imprisonment; Mr. Ajodhya Prasad Misra, Secretary of the District Congress Committee; three Satyagrahis sentenced at Naya Dumka (Santhal Parganas) to three months' R. I. each, and Mr. Mahendra Prasad Jha and Mr. Ramdhan Sinha sentenced at Naya Dumka to four months' R. I. and to pay a fine of Rs. 30 in default one month's further imprisonment.

In Assam, Mr. Dandiram Baruah who offered Satyagraha for the second time has been sentenced to two months' R. I. at Nowgong. Recent arrests in the province include Mr. Madhusudan Das, a pleader of Sarbhog Town.—A. P.

49 Satyagrahis Convicted

CALCUTTA, Feb. 17.

Fifty-four Satyagrahis have so far been arrested and 49 of them convicted in the district of Sambalpur, according to a message received from Sambalpur town.

The third list of Satyagrahis from Sambalpur submitted to Mahatma Gandhi contains 21 names, it is learnt.

The total number of Satyagrahis convicted in the District of Puri upto February 15 is 23. The amount of fine imposed on them totals Rs. 875.

Ahrar Dictator Released

Mr. Mohammad Sulaman Saheb of the Punjab, Sixth Dictator of the All-India Majlis-I-Ahrar, who was arrested under the Defence of India Rules at the time of the Congress Session at Ramgarh, has been released from the Hajaribagh Central Jail. He had gone to Ramgarh to attend the Anti-Compromise Conference. The arrest was in connection with a speech delivered by him at Bihar Sherif.—A. P.

Rice Scarcity Threatens India

BURMA SUPPLIES MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE

Bombay Merchants' Appeal To Shipping Controller

BOMBAY, Feb. 17.

The attention of the Government has been drawn to the present scarcity of rice crop in India and the Government has been urged to provide tonnage of Indian register for transport of rice from Burma to India, in a representation made to the Government of India by the Bombay Rice Merchants' Association.

The Association states: "The situation regarding the supply of rice will be extremely serious as the local stocks of rice are exhausted and lacs of tons of rice are awaiting shipment in Burma. The average requirements of the Bombay port, it appears, are 75,000 tons per month and the busy season for imports is from February to April."

The Association, while appreciating the demand on shipping for war purposes urges upon the Government that food requirements for the people are also extremely important especially under the present famine conditions.

Prevent The Distress

The Imperial Shipping Controller, adds the Association, should be made to realise the gravity of the situation and the consequent necessity of making sufficient freight available for supplying adequate food supply and preventing distress.

The immediate necessity of providing tonnage of Indian register has been stressed by the Association, as that at least is under the control of the Government of India, for transport of rice from Burma to India, before these ships are made available for the Shipping Controller.

The Association has also drawn the attention of the Government to the fact that imports of foodstuffs are considered as a war measures even in the United Kingdom and should be so regarded in India also as under modern conditions distances are naught and war frontiers are widened.

The Association has requested its representative, Mr. Mathuradas Canjee Matani who is in Delhi to explain personally to the authorities the extreme gravity of the situation and the urgent necessity of releasing ships under their control, viz. ships on Indian Register to allay the situation.—United Press.

Vali Mahomed On M.L.A.'s Duty

BOMBAY, Feb. 17

"No Indian can object to the demand of making India self-sufficient in the matter of its foodstuffs. As practical men, however, we have to face the existing situation. The crops in Bengal have again failed and they are nearly 40 lacs of tons short of the normal and 18 lacs of tons short of previous years. Rice crops are also not bumper in other parts of India. It is, therefore, necessary for us to import larger quantities of rice from Burma this year than before", observed Seth Vali Mahomed Dada, President of the Calcutta Rice Merchants' Association, in the course of an interview with the "United Press."

In reply to a question as to how such a large quantity of rice can be imported when ships engaged in the trade are requisitioned by the Government for the purpose of war, Seth Vali Mahomed said: "We are all for helping the prosecution of the war in every possible way but no Government can forget their obligation to their own people in the matter of foodstuffs."

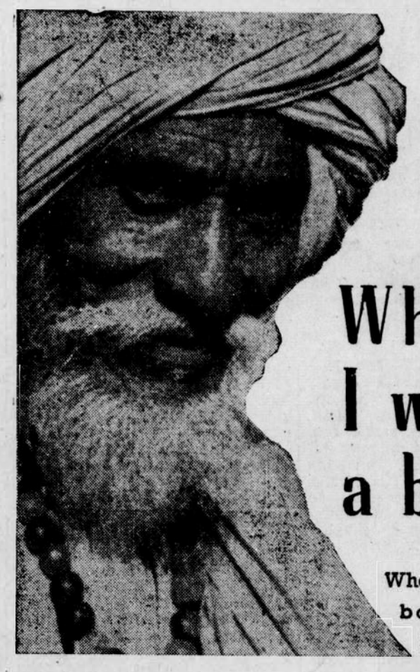
A WAR MEASURE

Seth Vali Mahomed added that the import of foodstuffs was considered as a war measure even in the United Kingdom and he felt sure that the Government of India would recognise their obligations to the people of this country in this matter particularly when the crops in rice were very short.

He was confident that when there were famine conditions in India so far as rice was concerned and when lacs of tons of rice in which crores of rupees of Indian nationals were locked up were awaiting shipment in Burma, the Government of India woud at least make shipping available for that trade without delay to prevent rice prices soaring high in the country and would be a boon to the poor people particularly during the present year.

DUTY OF M.L.A.'S

Concluding Seth Vali Mahomed Dada said: "The general question of self-sufficiency in the matter of foodstuffs should not be mixed up with the immediate needs of the country. I hope that now that the Central Legislature is in session, the elected representatives will do their best to see that sufficient tonnage is made available for the import of the necessary foodstuffs in India quite essential in the interests of its poor people." —United Press.



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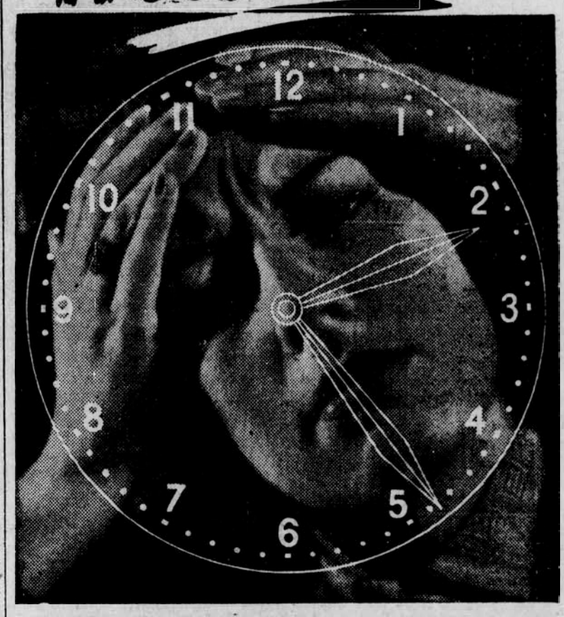

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MUTT AND JEFF—A Fair-Sized Hat at That, for What's Under It — By BUD FISHER

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THERE, NOW I'LL SHAKE 'EM AND THEN YOU PICK ONE!
FINE!
AND THE ONE YOU PICK WE VOTE FOR!
O.K! HERE I GO!
WHO DO WE VOTE FOR?
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Mitha's Surprise For Jinnah

RESIGNS ASSEMBLY SEAT DISAGREEING WITH LEAGUE LEADER'S POLICY

Mr. Mahomed Suleman Cassum Mitha has addressed the following letter to Mr. Jinnah, President of the Bombay Presidency Muslim League Parliamentary Board:—

It is with great regret that I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign my seat in the Bombay Legislative Assembly. This decision has been forcing itself upon me for some time past. The feeling has been growing in my mind and has now in fact taken the form of a firm conviction that I cannot subscribe to the present policy of the League. I do not wish to say anything more on the subject, as I would like to avoid any acrimonious correspondence.

As I stood for the Assembly on the Muslim League ticket, it would not be right for me to retain my seat longer. Now that, I find myself in disagreement with your policy, I hope, you will accept my resignation from the Muslim League Bombay Legislative Assembly Party, and with it the expression of my deep regret, that this severance of our political relations should have become necessary, I have to-day forwarded my letter of resignation to the Government, and shall communicate my decision to the Press.

Town Muslim League Secretary Arrested

MADURA Feb. 16.

Four more arrests have been effected by the Madura police in connection with the recent communal disturbance in Madura. Mr. Abdul Latif Khan, Secretary, Town Muslim League, is among those arrested. The total arrests in this connection now number 13.—A. P.

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SENSATIONAL ARREST IN MADRAS

Charge Against Company Promoter

(From Our Correspondent)

MADRAS, Feb. 17

Mr. M. K. Srinivasan, former director of the United India Life Insurance, Co., was arrested this morning under Sections 420, 409 and 120 (A) I.P.C. by the City Police (Crime Branch). Mr. Srinivasan was produced before the Chief Presidency Magistrate who refused him bail.

The police have filed a charge sheet against him and Mr. N. S. T. Chari under Sections 420, 409 and 120 (B) I.P.C. It is alleged that between November 20, 1935 and September 5, 1936 the accused were parties to a conspiracy, the object of which was to float a limited concern called the Sugar and General Investment Trust with intent to raise funds for their own benefit. It is further alleged that they suppressed material facts from the prospects, and thereby dishonestly induced the public to subscribe for shares in the limited concern and also collected a sum of Rs. 98,525 from the public as share capital.

Mr. M. K. Srinivasan is further alleged to have misappropriated a sum of about Rs. 27,500 and also caused certain false entries to be made in the said company's accounts. Mr. N. S. T. Chari is alleged to have abetted Mr. Srinivasan in misappropriating a sum of Rs. 10,290.

Later, a bail application was moved in the High Court before Mr. Justice Lakshmanarao who granted bail to Mr. Srinivasan on his own bond for Rs. 5,000 and two sureties for like sum.—A. P.

MADRAS MAYOR'S APOLOGIA

Defends Governor's Rule As More Responsive To Public Opinion!

MADRAS, Feb. 16

"I am amused at your reference to general elections as the real test", says Mr. C. Basudev, Mayor of Madras, replying to Dr. U Krishna Rao, Leader of the Congress Municipal Party.

"You set me an impossible task," says Mr. Basudev, "when you ask me to induce the Government to dissolve all Municipal, Local and Legislative bodies and release your leaders who are in jail. If Legislatures are not working it is due to the obstruction of your own Party. If your leaders are in jail, they are there on their own free volition."

Proceeding he says:—"I have no more influence with the present Government than you or any other citizen has. The only factor that can influence the present Government is good, sound and sober reasoning. Though one man's rule, His Excellency's Government is more responsive to public opinion and not deflected to exigencies of political or party advantage as the Congress in the most flagrant, and to a lesser degree other political Party Governments, have been in the past."

Concluding the Mayor says that the General Elections for all seats in the Corporation will take place in September or October next according to the present programme.—A. P.

Bombay Artists Demand Municipal Theatre

At the meeting of the artists of Bombay held at the Blavatsky Lodge Hall on Sunday, under the auspices of the Artists Club, to protest against the proposal of the Bombay Municipal Corporation to tax the artists "Professional Tax". Mr. V. R. Rao asked if the Corporation was justified in trying to introduce this tax at a period of crisis and when circumstances were quite different from what they were 75 years ag

Miss Rohini Wagle spoke on behalf of the artists in general and the dancers in particular and said that at time when dancing was becoming popular the municipality was not justified in proposing this new tax and seconded the resolution moved by Mr. Rao.

Mr. Kallianpur explained the difficulties of the artists and demanded that the Municipality should help the artists with special amenities and moved the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Hammond:—

This meeting hereby invites the pointed and immediate attention of the Bombay Corporation and the officials concerned to the resolution passed by them by a large majority as far back as the 8th of Dec. 1938 to provide a Municipal Public Hall and Theatre for the convenience of all artists and to the delight of patrons and lovers of art and calls upon them to revive the almost decadent resolution and move in the direction of translating the paper resolution into an accomplished fact, at an early date.

Congress Publications

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WARDHA, Feb. 16.

The Sewagram A.I.C.C., Office has issued the following statement:—

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All orders are to be booked to the A.I.C.C., Office, Swaraj Bhawan, Allahabad.

A list of the stock of books is available at both the offices.—A. P.

INDIAN HISTORICAL RESEARCH

(Continued from Page 6)

must necessarily differ on the one hand from that of their contemporaries in Goa and Portugal and on the other, our own and anyone who aspires to tell us the truth about the man must take into full consideration all the points of view in justaposition as well as the general background of the epoch in which the man lived in order to be able to give a fairly authentic, if not accurate, account of his life.

There is a vital difference between the work of the photographer of the Bombay Record Office and the work of men like Mr. Dighe who incidentally demonstrates the possibilities that are offered of real and valuable research. Mention must particularly be made of a little paper he read and officially published on Bajirao's campaign in the Konkan. We have had any amount of available historical material and results of first-rate research. But there is great scope for the historical student who can adjust all this wealth of factual material to an extensive perspective in terms of naval strategy or principles of military science that remain eternal at all times and in all countries.

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Mr. Dighe's research published in his valuable Marathi book on Bajirao's campaigns in the north shows us what possibilities lie unexplored in Maratha history. But this work can be carried on by those only who approach it with a real historical sense, integrity of intellect and an idealism that must always remain exacting and difficult and the reward for which must be sought in the results of the work undertaken by the research worker.

So far Goan history is concerned, I have already, in the course of articles occasionally published in these columns, pointed out that the official Portuguese archives contain the most authentic history. But I find that this is being systematically suppressed or prevented and falsified by certain sectarian and ideological vested interests for the too obvious motives of policy. Both de Noronha and Menezes Braganza, who have fully used material available from Portuguese sources only, have clearly demonstrated this. Therefore, it becomes all the more essential that we should critically examine the claims of all those styled as 'research workers' in this field of historical knowledge.

Mysore Khadi, Village Industries And Swadeshi Exhibition

The fourth Khadi, Village Industries and Swadeshi Exhibition under the auspices of the Mysore Congress will be held at Harlapur, a village at a distance of one mile from Harihar Railway Station on Mysore Railways, from 2nd to 9th April 1941 at the time of the 4-h Mysore Congress Session.

There will be also a newspaper stall in the exhibition. Dailies, weeklies, monthlies and other periodical publications are eligible as exhibits

INDIAN COTTON-GROWERS

Aney's Resolution Before Central Assembly: Govt. To Compensate Indian Seamen

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17

It is learned that Mr. M. S. Aney has tabled a resolution, urging upon the Government to give effect as early as possible to the recommendations made by the Indian Central Cotton Committee.

The resolution states:—'This Assembly views with great concern the low prices of Indian cotton, specially short staple, in the current year due to loss of foreign markets on account of war and their result on general economic condition of the cotton-growers in India and it urges on Government to give effect as early as possible to the recommendations made by the Indian Central Cotton Committee in its resolution passed on January 17 and 18, 1941."

Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar has tabled a resolution recommending the establishment of schemes providing for payment from Central revenues of compensation in respect of war injuries and war damage sustained during the period of the present emergency by masters and seamen employed on sea-going service on ships registered in British India.—A. P.

RIGHTS v. RESPONSIBILITIES

Thana Judge's Advice To Hindu Women

(From Our Correspondent)

THANA, Feb. 16.

"In my opinion, Hindu women should not run after the mirage of the so-called rights of divorce, etc. They have had more rights than responsibilities. They should, instead of that, insist on the society providing them with means of tolerably good education, facilities for marriage at the proper time and reasonable amenities in the period of their confinement.

Society must need bring to bear a fresh and an entirely new outlook towards Hindu women. The hiatus between the rich and poor strata must cease. The daily increasing number of spinsters in Hindu Society is tragic indeed and does not augur well for its future.

Thus observed Mr. P. M. Lad, I. C. S. District Judge, Thana, while delivering the inaugural address, yesterday, in the "Second Literary Week" under the auspices of the Thana Marathi Grantha Sangrahalaya, at their premises.

In the course of his address Mr. Lad criticized the attitude of many rich Hindu women who figure in so many "women's conferences" very often. They are, he stated hardly in touch with the needs of their less fortunate sisters and advised them to fraternize more and more with the masses and strive for their welfare. About 300 persons including a large number of ladies were present.

Alleged Murderers Of Akali Leader Acquitted

GUJRANWALA, Feb. 17

Metraj Din, Abdul Aziz and Karam Elahi, who were being tried by the Sessions Judge for the alleged murder of Sardar Autar Singh, a member of the Working Committee of the Provincial Congress Committee and an Akali leader, on July 13 last year, have been acquitted.—A. P.

New Surgeon-General Of Madras

MADRAS, Feb. 17.

Col. H. Stott, I.M.S., who has been appointed Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras in the place of Maj. Gen. N. M. Wilson proceeding on leave preparatory to retirement has arrived in Madras from Calcutta. He takes charge of his office on 21st instant.—A. P.

Another Batch Of Italian Prisoners Arrive

A further batch of 3,200 Italian prisoners including nearly 200 officers, arrived in Bombay and were despatched on the same day to the prisoners-of-war camps in the country.

NON-STOP 12-HOUR SPINNING AT SOUTH INDIAN ASSOCIATION.

About 25 persons participated in turns in the non-stop twelve hours' sacrificial spinning arranged by the Charkha Section of the South Indian Association, Bombay, on Sunday. Commencing at 8 in the morning spinning wheels were plying without a break till 8 in the night. About 13,000 yards of yarn was produced

CALCUTTA: The Amalgamation of "The International Buddhist University", organised by the Dharmapala Memorial Committee, with the "International Buddhist Institute" of China, is proposed by His Holiness Tai Hsu, founder of the latter institute and President of the Buddhist Society of China, in a communication to the General Secretary of the Mahabodhi Society of India.—A. P.

Abduction Case Sequel

High Court Directs Inquiry Into Police Officers' Investigation

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kania and a Common Jury.)

King-Emperor

v

1. Kassamalli Mirzalli
2. Abdullasha alias Baboo Sayedalli ..... Accused.

The Accused were charged with having on 7th July, 1940, kidnapped a woman in order that she may be forced or seduced to illicit intercourse, or in the alternative, with having abducted her with that intent within Section 366 read with Section 109 of the Indian Penal Code.

The complainant was a married woman still in her early teens. She was married when she was six years old On 4th June, 1940, she and her husband came to Bombay from Delhi. They made vigorous efforts to find some employment for several days which turned out to be futile. Accused No. 1 had been introduced to the complainant as the "Sheth" of a film company in which she was trying to get a job. Quite exasperated at their failure to find regular employment, the young couple new to Bombay started to go to the house of the first Accused. They met him accidentally on the way and he took them with him to his residence in his own car. From there the Accused took them to a hotel for food. On their way back from the hotel the second Accused, one Nazir Accused No. 1, the complainant and her husband and the driver were the occupants' of the car. The first Accused dropped them on the way, turn by turn. The first Accused then asked the complainant's husband to get down also on the ground that he would take her to a film company for a job. The two Accused then drove her to Juhu saying they would have tea there before going to the cinema company. The first Accused then gave her something to drink in a hut which contained a cot, 3 chairs and a table. The first Accused then lifted her up and threw her on the cot tied her and had illicit intercourse with her against her will whilst the second Accused stood there. The complainant then became unconscious and regained consciousness the next evening when she found herself in Bombay, and narrated the terrible story to her husband.

This case was curious inasmuch as witness for the Prosecution did not give evidence to support the Prosecution case. The Court however accepted the evidence of the complainant and her husband as to the first Accused.

As to the second Accused His Lordship directed the jury to return a verdict of "not guilty" as there was no case against him, and the jury did so accordingly and he was acquitted and discharged.

The Jury, however, unanimously found the first Accused guilty of having abducted the complainant in order to force her to illicit intercourse. His Lordship sentenced him to four years' rigorous imprisonment. His Lordship also directed a report to the Government under Rule 344 of the High Court Rules,—that an independent inquiry be made into the conduct of Police Officers Subordinate to Inspector Burton who were concerned in investigating this case.

Mr. N. A Mody instructed by the Public Prosecutor Mr. N. K. Petigara appeared for the Prosecution.

Mr. M. K. Azad with Mr. Kotasthane defended the first Accused.

Mr. Vinayak G. Mohile defended the second Accused.

HOTEL PROPRIETOR ON STABBING CHARGE.

BOMBAY, Monday.

Shankappa Kanappa Shetty, a hotel proprietor was charged today before Mr. Oscar Brown, Presidency Magistrate, Third Court with stabbing Rosy C. Cruz proprietress of a Massage Institute to death with a clasp knife with intention to commit murder.

The accused was arrested on February 1 and remanded to custody till to-day. The Magistrate postponed the case to February 26.

At the inquest last week on the body of the victim the Coroner's jury recommended the prosecution of Shetty for wilful murder.

LANCE CORPORAL CHASED AND ARRESTED.

BOMBAY, Monday.

Lance Corpl D. Jones was placed to-day before Mr. Oscar Brown, Presidency Magistrate, Third Court, on a charge of causing hurt to a public servant, namely a police constable.

Applying for an extension of the bail period of the accused, the police stated that while on duty at Apollo Bunder on Saturday night, a police constable witnessed an altercation between the accused and some members of the public.

The constable requested the parties concerned to accompany him to the police station when the accused, is alleged to have assaulted him. The constable sounded his whistle and the accused, the police alleged, snatched the whistle and threw it away.

The accused tried to run away but he was chased and arrested. He was then taken to the police station where he was enlarged on bail.

The Magistrate granted the police application.

FIVE ALLEGED TO BE MEMBERS OF GANG ARRESTED

BOMBAY, Monday.

According to the police, a gang of several persons are operating in the city who concentrate on pilfering lead pipes from gas meters. Since last week, a sharp watch had been kept by the police and they have arrested five persons, suspecting that they are members of the gang.

The suspects were placed today before the Presidency Magistrate, Third Court, who directed them to be released on bail.

STUDENT DROWNED.

BOMBAY, Monday.

While trying to swim in the sea at Mahalaxmi along with some others, Damoo Tukaram Mayakar, a 12-year-old student of Byculla, got into deep waters on Saturday.

A police sepoy who was informed by the deceased's companions extricated him.

He was removed to hospital but succumbed on the way.

The City Coroner recorded a verdict of death by accidental drowning in the sea at the inquest held to-day.

Burma War Donations

RANGOON, Feb. 17.

The Burma war donations now total Rs. 27,06,000.—A. P.

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For the R.A.F.:—Rs. 1,717/8 "A.R." (monthly), Rs. 500 the Girl Guides of Bombay Province (4th instalment), Rs. 100 through the Secretary, Defence Loan and War Gifts Fund Sub-Committee, Belgaum, Rs. 76 the Hon. Treasurer, Lodge Caledonia, No. 490 S.C., being collection from the members of the Lodge and guests at the Annual Installation Meeting in January.

For the I.A.F.:—Rs. 2,407/14 through the Hon. Secretary, District War Committee, Jalgaon, Rs. 671/3 through the Mamlatdar, Panvel, Kolaba District, Rs. 50 the India Water Proofing Co., Rs. 38/8 "Anonymous." Grand Total on Monday: Rs. 35,40,385/1/4

Gondal Ban On "Navsaurashtra"

(From Our Correspondent).

RAJKOT: Feb. 17

It is understood that the Gondal State has proscribed the Ahmedabad weekly "Navsaurashtra."

Calcutta Ex-Judge Dead

London: Feb. 17.—The death has occurred of Sir Herbert Cuming, an ex-Judge of the High Court, Calcutta.—Reuter.

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Poles' Quota To Smash Nazis

Would Espouse Cause Of Sind Hindus

P. M. Sapru's Promise To Organisers

(From Our Correspondent)
ALLAHABAD, Feb. 17.

A minor sensation was created here, by the refusal of two Liberal leaders, namely Mr. P. M. Sapru (son of Ser Tej Bahadur Sapru, and Member of Council of State) and Mr. Hirdayanath Kunzru, to attend and speak at a meeting organized here last night by Dewan Mangal Sain and Ganesh Singh of Frontier Province.

Mangal Sain and Ganesh Singh, it may be noted, are touring the country on the mission of explaining to people the problems of Hindus in Sind and Frontier Provinces. Names of both these Liberal leaders were published in handbills as speakers at the meeting. But both of them came out with indignant denials in "Leader" that they never consented to address this meeting.

The reasons given for keeping aloof at this meeting are somewhat novel and illuminating. Mr. Sapru says "I did not think I could as one connected with non-communal organization associate myself with the meeting where I did not know, what would be said and what resolutions would be passed". Mr. Sapru, however, told the organizer that "he would espouse their cause, if supplied with adequate material."

In spite of boycott by these Liberal leaders the meeting was held. In course of speech, Mr. Mangal Sain appreciated the work done by the Congress. He also praised the work of Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan and Dr. Khan Saheb, and certain other prominent Muslim leaders of the Frontier. He ended his speech, by condemning the Pakisthan Scheme of Muslim League.

SITUATION IN SIND IMPROVES

KARACHI, Feb 17

"Things have considerably improved and the relations between the two major communities have begun to be cordial", observed Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, Leader of the Congress Assembly Party, giving his impressions of a ten day tour of 24 villages in the Sukkur District along with other prominent Congress leaders. "All the same, he added "Hindus feel somewhat nervous because of the danger they apprehend from the surrounding Muslim villages."

Mr. Sidhwa made a fervent appeal to both Hindus and Muslims to maintain a non-communal outlook.—A. P.

Alleged Assassin Of M.L.A. Acquitted

SUKKUR, Feb. 16

Janu Jalban, the alleged assassin of the late Mr. H. S. Pamnani, M.L.A., was acquitted by the Sessions Judge, Sukkur.—United Press.

Independent Brigade Groups Formed To Aid Imperial Forces In Africa

LONDON, Feb. 16.

A POLISH FORCE OF GREAT STRENGTH IS BEING BUILT UP IN EGYPT. THE NUCLEUS OF THIS REINFORCEMENT OF THE BRITISH IMPERIAL ARMIES IS A POLISH INDEPENDENT BRIGADE GROUPS, WRITES REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

The officers and men of this force which is steadily increasing day by day have fought their way from Poland and German prison camps in all parts of Europe, many coming over the great Taurus Mountains with the sole aim to smash Germany.

To-day I visited a Polish camp somewhere in the Western Desert and I was greatly impressed with the efficiency and general fitness of all ranks. After months of hard training in Palestine and Egypt they are already equipped with the latest British weapons and ammunition and declare that they are ready to take on all comers.

So far they have taken no part in active fighting in the Great Libyan offensive, but, nevertheless they have been doing fine work well forward with the lines of communications.

While the Polish forces to the rear are helping to prepare lines of defence for Egypt, others in the forward areas are assisting in the herculean task of evacuating prisoners and bringing back war booty. Over hundreds of miles of desert Polish soldiers are driving back heavy Italian lorries, trucks and captured guns.

"Italians Refuse To Fight Dishonest War"

Now Is Time To Help Anglo-Saxon Ideal: Mazzini Society's Plea At Anti-Fascist Meeting

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.

Two thousand Italians and Italo-Americans—80 per cent. of them men—attended a big anti-Fascist meeting organised by the Mazzini Society at the Cooper Union Hall.

Professor Salvemini, after paying a tribute to President Roosevelt said, "If Hitler wins Italy becomes a German colony. The Italian people have not been defeated. The King and Mussolini have been defeated. The Italians refuse to fight a dishonest war".

Sgr. Max Ascoli, President of the Society, said that the freedom and unity won by Italy had been taken away from her people who had been fooled by Fascism.

Sgr. Ascoli added, "Now is the time for Italians throughout America to aid Anglo-Saxon ideal. It is up to those who have Anglo-Saxon liberty to teach the Italians of Italy what freedom really is".—Reuter.

Italian Troops Accuse Commander

LONDON, Feb. 17.

"Cavallero the Butcher," is the epithet applied to their Commander-in-Chief by Italian troops falling into Greek hands, according to the latest reports reaching here from Greece. His tactics have led to enormous losses among his forces during the past two days.

The prisoners declare that a reign of terrorism is ruling in Albanian territory still under the Fascist heel. Penalties are being inflicted daily on many Albanian merchants who refuse to accept Italian money.

The British successes in Libya have been told to the Italian troops by pamphlets scattered by Greek planes.—Reuter.

MAHASABHA SECRETARY TO MEET GANDHIJI

MADRAS, Feb. 17.

Dr. P. Varadarajulu Naidu, General Secretary, All-India Hindu Mahasabha, left Madras for Wardha this morning by the Grand Trunk Express.

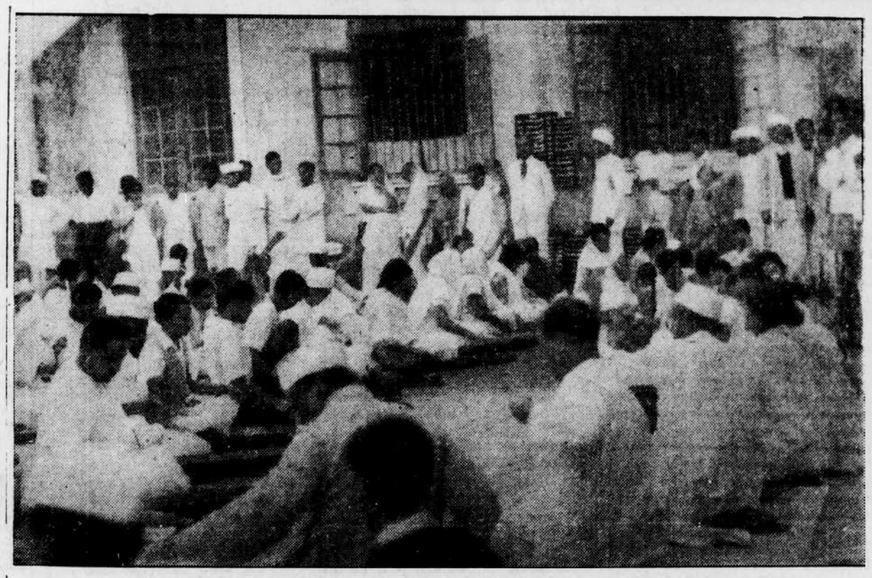
Dr. Naidu will discuss the present political situation with Mahatma Gandhi at Sewagram to-morrow, as also his scheme for ending the political deadlock in the country.

After visiting Nagpur, Dr. Naidu will reach Bombay on 21st instant and meet Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha.—A. P.

Savarkar's Appeal For Support To Jamnadas Mehta

POONA, Feb. 17.

Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the All India Hindu Mahasabha has issued an appeal to the Public requesting them to support the candidature of Mr. Jamnadas Mehta (Hindu Mahasabha) cum (Democratic Swaraj Party candidate) to the Central Assembly.—A. P.



Charkha class at Congress House, Bombay.

POLICE COMB OUT IN RANGOON

Several Persons Arrested Under Defence Rules In Rangoon

RANGOON, Feb. 17.
(By Air.)

Several arrests under the Defence of Burma Rules have been made by the police who have raided a number of places in the city.

Those arrested include Bandoola U Sein, of Dr. Ba Maw's party, Ko Ba Saw, Secretary, Sinyetha Wunthanu Party, Ashin Kyaw, President of the All-Burma Trade Union, Thakin Thein Han and Thakin Hla Baw.

They are being detained in the Central Jail.—A. P.

Madras Labour Party To Contest City Council By-Elections

MADRAS, Feb. 16.

The Executive Committee of the Madras Labour Party at a meeting yesterday decided to contest the by-elections to the City Council.

An "ad hoc" Committee consisting of five members with the leader of the party as chairman was formed.

"C. R.'s" Portrait For Hindi Sabha

MADRAS, Feb. 17.

As a mark of their appreciation of his services to the country and to literature, the residents of the Theagarayanagar at a meeting to-day decided to present a portrait of Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar to the Hindi Prachar Sabha and a committee known as the "Rajaji Portrait Committee" was constituted. A sum of Rs. 750 is estimated for the portrait, which is expected to be unveiled in April next.—A. P.

AID TO 'PRESERVE FREE NATIONS':

Hoover's Move To Feed Nazi-Occupied Countries.

Plan Submitted To British And French Govts.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.

A SIX-POINT PLAN FOR FEEDING THE NAZI-OCCUPIED COUNTRIES IN EUROPE WAS OUTLINED BY MR. HERBERT HOOVER IN A BROADCAST SPEECH TO-NIGHT.

The plan, he said, had been submitted to the British and French Governments and provides for first, an initial experiment in Belgium to determine whether the conquered peoples can be fed without military advantage to either side; second, the feeding to be carried out only through soup kitchens to prevent supplies from reaching Germany, third, provision to be made at first the outset for one million adults and two million children.

This would require 50,000 tons of food monthly; fourth, Berlin to agree not to requisition food from the countries to which help was being sent; fifth, London and Berlin to guarantee that relief ships carrying food should be immune from attack and sixth, the execution of the plan to be supervised by a neutral body.

Mr. Hoover said: "We are asked for aid to Britain of stupendous dimensions. I believe that we should give generously that aid, including food. But if that aid is to be given to preserve free nations, have we no right to suggest that these other free peoples-friends of America and our national life—be allowed also to live?—Reuter.

"Overall Defence Administration"

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.

The passage of the Lease and Lend Bill is expected to be followed by the creation by President Roosevelt of an "Overall Defence Administration" to plan, co-ordinate and supervise the obtaining of supplies in the United States for Britain and other countries who are to be helped under the Bill according to a Washington dispatch to the "New York Times" to-day.

The names of Mr. Wendell Willkie, Mr. J. P. Kennedy and Mayor Laguardia are mentioned for the head of this body.

Mr. Wendell Willkie is considering a trip to survey the conditions in the sections of China not occupied by the Japanese, it is learned in authoritative quarters. He would fly to the Pacific, it is added.—Reuter.

PAKISTAN SCHEME CONDEMNED

Obeidullah's Address At Mayavaram Conference

KUTTALAM, Feb. 16

Strong condemnation of the scheme of Pakistan or any attempt at partitioning India was made by Mr. Obeidullah, President of the Tamil Nadu Provincial Congress, presiding at the Mayavaram Political Conference today.

Mr. Obeidullah discouraged "unauthorised persons" from offering Satyagraha and appealed to them to direct their enthusiasm and zeal for national work by carrying on the constructive programme of the Congress, educating the masses on the efficacy of non-violence and Hindu-Muslim unity.

The conference passed a number of resolutions which 'inter alia' reiterated confidence in Mahatma Gandhi's leadership and suggested to the Government to discontinue the system of classification of political prisoners.—A. P.

CONGRESSMEN QUIT RURAL BOARD

AHMEDABAD, (By Mail)

The latest changes made by the Government in the administration and policy of District Rural Development Boards are the executive duties which were carried on by the Vice-Chairman, who was always a non-official member up till now, are henceforth entrusted to the Chairman, who is always a Government official, and that the Board's administrative machinery is to be used for war propaganda.

As a protest against this all the Congress members on the Ahmedabad R. D. Board have resigned. Amongst those who have resigned are:—

Messrs. Bhogilal, D. Lala (Vice President), Khandubhai Desai, Juthabhai Shah, Mridulaben Sarabhai, Nandlalbhai G. Thakkar, Dayabhai Patel, Chandulal Amratlal, Mathuradas Gandhi, Gopaldas Patel, Trikamlal Patel Narharbhai Parikh.

The other Congress Members Messrs. Gulamrasul Kureshi, Hariprasad P. Mehta, Venilal Buch and Pannalal Zaveri have also sent their resignations as they are already in jail under Defence of India Act.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

Unintelligent anticipation of a wedding report in the next issue of the "Sporting Times": "The marriage of Miss Patricia Gulliland; daughter of Major and Mrs. C. C. Gulliland was solemnized at the All Saints' Church, Malabar Hill, yesterday at 11 a.m. Among those present at the wedding was Mr. Figgins, Operations Manager, Tata Aviation. He was standing beside the bride at the altar." Now what could he be doing there?

Congratulations to Mr. Mahomed Suleman Cassum Mitha on his attaining the stage of being convinced of being unable to subscribe to the present policy of the League, and, therefore, resigning his seat in the Bombay Assembly.

Due to retire in a short while is Mr. Indravadan Mehta. Apropos Mr. Mehta, there is a story for which I can vouch which can be told now without fear of being held up for contempt. Mr. A. F. S. Talyarkhan was in the box asking for permission with regard to some war publicity publication. "You are the Secretary of some committee?" Mr. Mehta asked "Yes sir." Mr. Talyarkhan replied, "the Bombay War Publicity Committee". "Is it for or against the War?" Mr. Mehta asked to the amazement of the man in the witness box. "For the war", replied Mr. Talyarkhan, but if, I had been in Mr. Talyarkhan's place I'd have asked: "Which war?" because after all there is a war in China, a war in Paraguay and one in Bolivia, where the cigars come from. Sir Chimanlal Setalvad would have got a shock had I published this earlier.

Eastern Group Council

Representatives Of India & Dominions: Central Provision Office

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17

It is learned that Sir Archibald Carter and Mr. M. S. A. Hydari, took charge today as chairman and India's representative respectively on the Eastern Group Supply Council. Mr. D. H. Crofton, has been appointed Private Secretary to Mr. Hydari.

With the exception of Australia's representative on the Council, the names of the representatives of other two countries, South Africa and New Zealand, who are given representation, are not yet known here. It is not yet known when the representatives of these three Dominions will reach New Delhi. Until their arrival, the Council cannot get into full working order.

Meanwhile with the Secretary of the Council, Mr. Whyatt, who is already here, and a skeleton staff, it is proposed to get on with the spade work necessary for the establishment of the Council. A number of officers from the Government of India Secretariat are being placed on deputation with the Council Secretariat.

It is gathered that the Central Provision Office to be established at the Government of India, headquarters will not have representatives of Dominions or of India, but is expected to be conducted on lines of an ordinary Government Department, the staff, however, being recruited so as to be representative of Eastern Group countries.—A. P.

Charlie Chan Detective Story Day By Day

A LOOK BEHIND THE CURTAIN — BANANA BOAT MYSTERY

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